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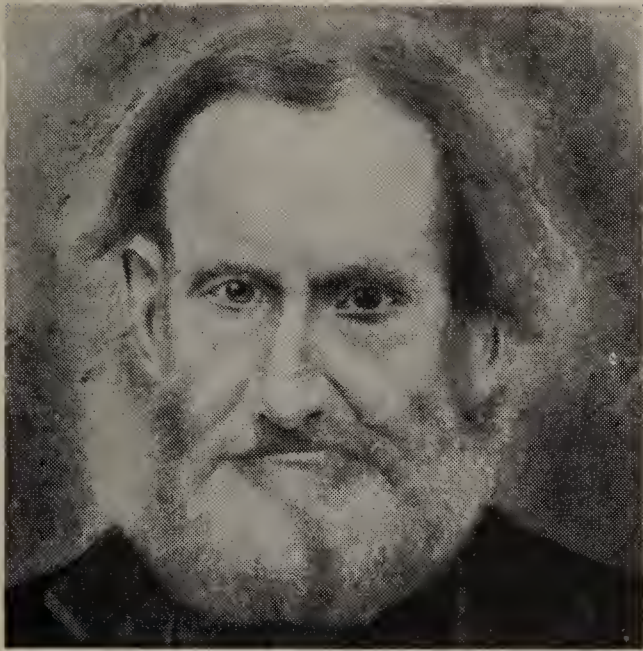
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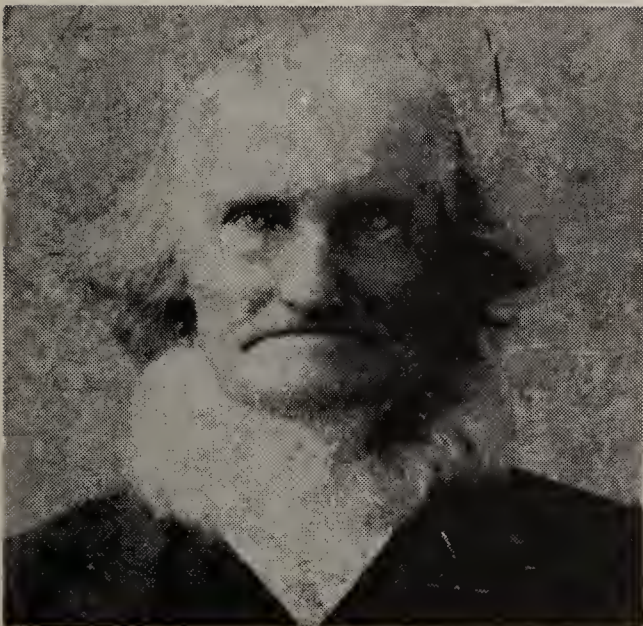
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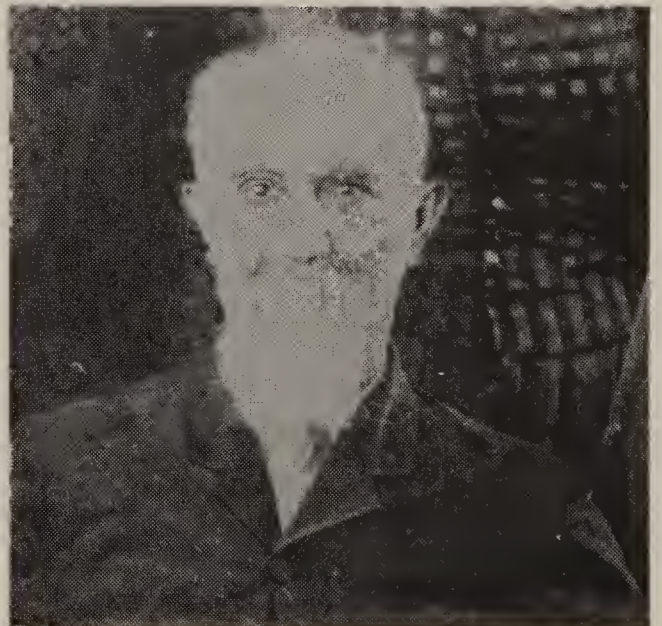
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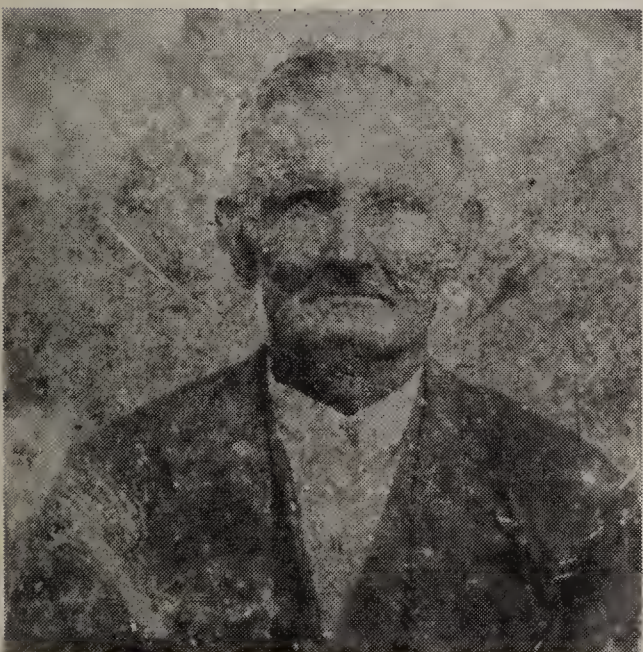
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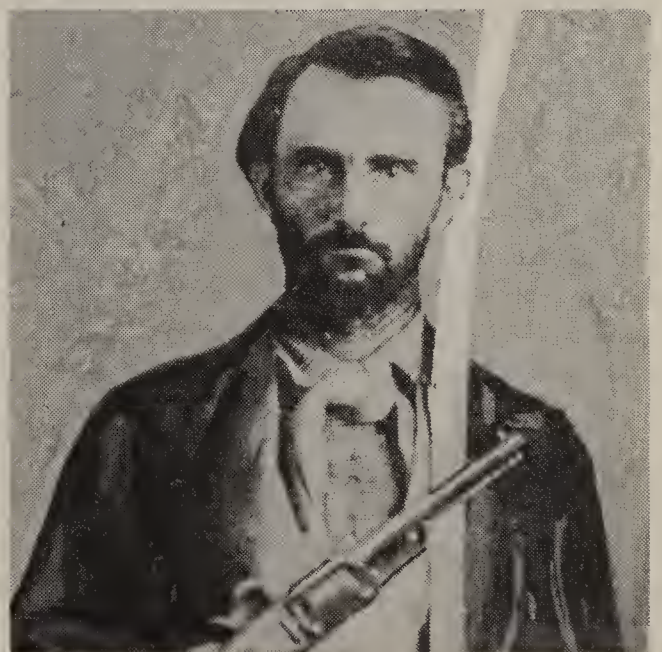
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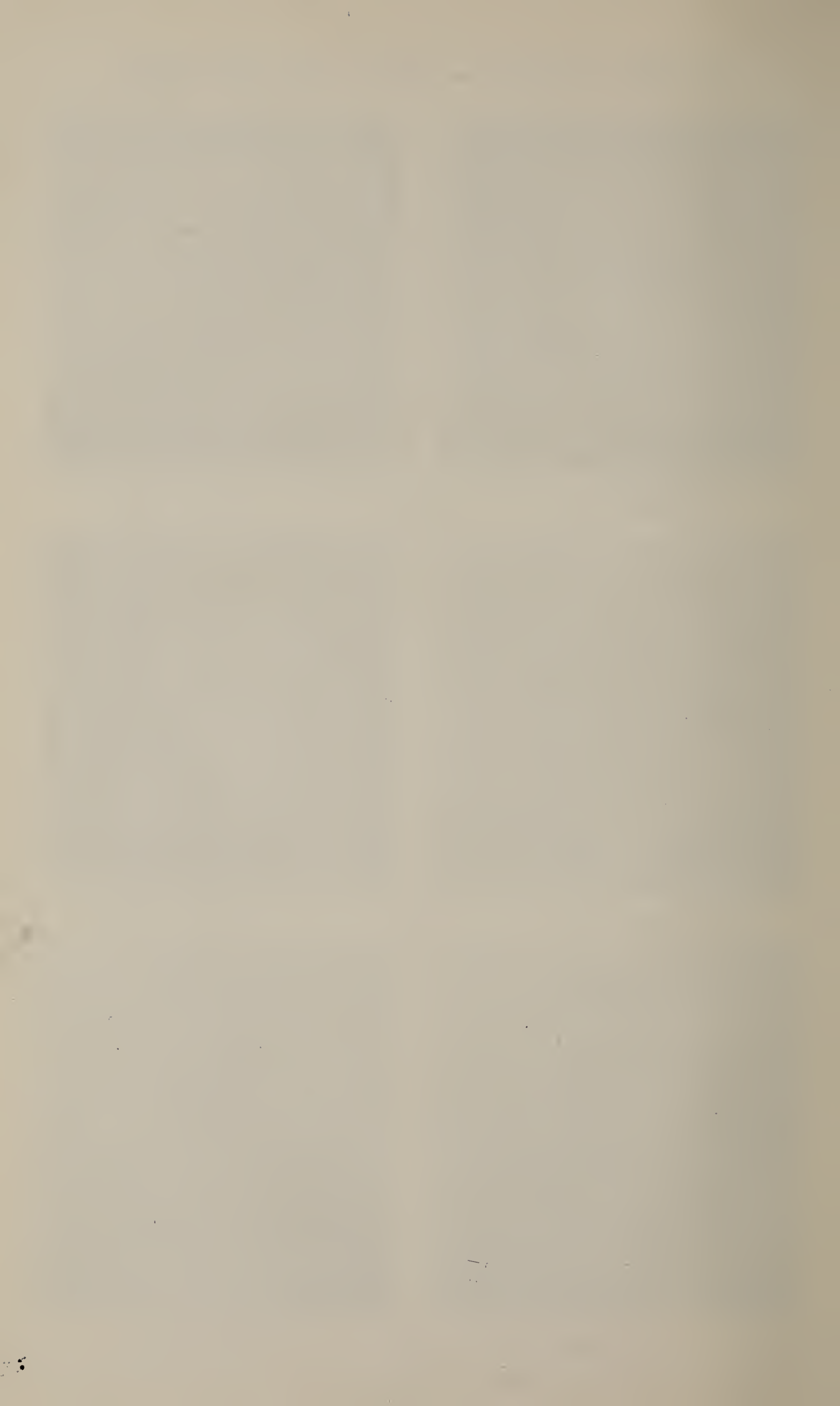
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was compiled and arranged by  
**RUSSELL B. KING.**

The copy was typed by his daughter,  
**Betty King Jordan.**

This is a second book on the family kin.  
The first book covered the period from 1820 to 1938.



**RUSSELL BAXTER KING – 1947**

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## THOMAS KING FAMILY TREE BOOK

Believing that the majority of the King relatives would appreciate a record of the family from an early date (1813) to the present (1956), I have tried to complete the work in book form so it may be handed down to the future generations.

In making this book of Thomas King and descendants, I have tried to print everyone in rotation by age and family as their birth and marriage will permit.

Families not related to the Kings will be mentioned in order that you may get a better understanding of why some families are related to other families.

I find it interesting to give the birth and age of someone in each family and the date of some incident that occurred.

I have collected some statements of olden times and a few believe-it-or-not tales.

I want to thank all of the relatives for the information given to complete this book.

### O-R-I-G-I-N

King is Anglo Saxon. It is derived from "Cyning" and has been shortened to "King."

### THOMAS KING — PIONEER

Thomas King and wife Nancy lived in what was known as Spartanburg or Pendleton District, South Carolina. About the time his oldest boy William was six years old, Thomas moved his family to a place in the wilderness. Later on, a town was started and named Springville, Alabama. Since William King's tombstone states he was born June 1813, died July 1899, they must have settled near Springville in 1819 or 1820.

Thomas' sister, Rebecca, came with them and never married. Her tomb at the Truss Cemetery one mile south of Springville on Highway 11 states that she died over 100 years old. There is no history of anyone else coming with Thomas King.

Thomas and Nancy are buried about one mile south of Springville on Highway 11. The burial place is about 250 yards from the north side of the road in a small patch of bushes surrounded by a cultivated field (Warrick farm). Their graves are marked with a flat rock. The birth and death dates inscribed on the rock state Thomas King 1788-1861, Nancy King 1796-1868.

This cemetery is known as the Truss Graveyard. The last one to be buried there was about 1910. At that time there was a grove of large trees in the center of a large field. Now there is only a patch of saplings and small underbrush.

A few old-time tombstones are standing—several are lying down and broken. THOMAS KING'S stone or red rock slab is in the center of the 20-yard diameter bunch of bushes.

William stated that he remembered riding a pack horse part of the time on their journey to Springville, Alabama.

When Thomas settled near Springville, he and his neighbors had to keep their dogs and trusty rifles near at all times to protect them from the beasts and stray, savage Indians while working or playing.

Thomas bought, or inherited, a tract of land one mile southwest of Springville on the Birmingham 11 Highway. He built a log cabin home near a big spring that continues to furnish an abundant supply of water today in the same old, generous way it did over one hundred years ago.

The old home was sold about 1865 and was kept in living-in shape till about 1931 when it was torn down. Only the spring and an old cedar stump are left to mark the old home site.

Thomas and Nancy had eight children: William, Marion, Thomas, Reuben, James, Alfred, Nancy, and Bettie.

Soon after Thomas, James, Reuben and Alfred were grown and married, they decided to go West. They loaded their old covered wagons with their belongings—food, stock, feed, cooking pans, cows and dogs and guns. I couldn't get any account of the route they journeyed or anything that happened on the way. I do know they settled near Clarksville, Arkansas, as follows:

Thomas and Hannah King	1844
James and Margaret King	1844
Reuben and Margaret King	1850
Alfred and Nancy King	1850

One of Thomas King's daughters, Nancy, married Pleas Self and lived in a community now known as Margaret, Alabama, (a deserted coal mine). Pleas and family decided to move farther west, and the



family spent the last night with Thomas King. There, while sharpening a stake for his wagon, Pleas almost cut his foot off, just before he left for the West.

When Pleas Self and family got up on their last morning at Thomas King's house near Springville, Alabama, they found that one of their girls, Leassie, had run away. They didn't try to find her and left her behind. She settled near Margaret, Alabama, mines and lived there till an old lady. Leassie had two boys.

Pleas and family settled near Clarksville, Arkansas about 1870. Russell King has an Arkansas King Family Tree book—a history of Pleas Self is found in that book.

Thomas King's four boys who married and went west (Thomas, Alfred, Reuben and James) married Hannah Patrick, Nancy Truss, Margaret Riggs and Margaret Paine respectively. I have not been able to find any of their relatives.

## ARKANSAS KINGS

I will give a brief history of Thomas King's four boys and one girl who went West, and settled near Clarksville, Arkansas. The dates have already been mentioned.

The four King boys left their Springville home at the same time, travelling in covered wagons and carrying most of their eats and stock feed, camping equipment, cows and dogs and guns. The dogs and guns were used mostly for hunting game.

From a copy of the Arkansas King history book I find that they settled within a few miles of each other. A number of families by the name of Bean settled in the same community with the Kings, and there have been many marriages between the two families. It is estimated that there are about eight or nine hundred relatives of the Arkansas Kings.

## MAKING GOOD

History shows that many of them are making good. Some are in business for themselves, others are holding good jobs. I find there are many successful farmers—many of them peach growers. There are a number of merchants, lawyers, doctors, preachers, sheriffs, teachers and barbers, several dairymen, and too many more good positions to mention here.

## REUNIONS

The Arkansas Kings have a reunion once in a while. They had one in 1923. The next and most recent one in August 1936 was attended by about seven or eight hundred people.



THE KING REUNION AT CAMP COSBY, CLAY, ALABAMA. AUGUST THE FIFTH, 1956.

## ABOUT FIFTY YEARS PASSED

About forty or more years passed during which the Alabama and Arkansas Kings didn't write to each other. In 1927 a family of the Arkansas Kings were on a sight-seeing trip East. On their return home they came by Springville, Alabama, as they knew that was where their great-grandfather had lived. When they inquired about some Kings, they were told of Mattie Stephens in Springville and gave her a visit. Incidentally, George C. King was at the Stephens' house. Since that time there has been quite a bit of correspondence and some visiting.

In August, 1936, Guy King, his wife Leland, and daughter Freda Lee, and Luster King and wife attended our King Reunion near Springville. The Arkansas Kings' big reunion on August 16, 1936 was held near Clarksville at Lone Pine. There was a special platform built behind a church where the crowd was entertained most all the day with music, singing, and speakers. Guy and Leland King took a leading part in making the reunion a success. Relatives came from a number of states to the reunion.

Guy King in Arkansas has made quite an effort to locate someone in Anderson and Pendleton, South Carolina, who has some history of Thomas King. That was where Thomas lived before he settled near Springville. Guy contacted some Kings, but they could not give him any information leading to Thomas King.

## ALABAMA KINGS

### The King Reunions

About 1930 the older King men, James, George, Price, and Alfred, decided to start having a King Reunion in August each year. As the old Thomas King house had just been torn down, they decided to have the reunion at a big spring in a grove on the adjoining farm—once the Pete McClendon farm, now owned by a farmer named Warrick. The reunions were held there each year until 1937. From 1938 till 1954 they were held at East Lake Park in Birmingham. After 1954 the reunion place was changed to Camp Cosby at Clay, Alabama—the first one being held there on the first Sunday in August, 1955.

## THOMAS KING

Thomas had two boys and one girl, William, Marion, and Betty, who remained at home or near Springville until death. All the other children went to Arkansas. The Kings in Clarksville, Arkansas, have a history book of the Kings who moved West.

## MARION KING

Marion, the second child of Thomas, married Julia Cox near Ashville, Alabama, where Marion farmed. He had one boy named Tom who died with the fever about 1871 at the age of fifteen. Marion died about 1860. They are buried at the Truss Cemetery one mile south of Springville. Some say Julia's relatives are near Ashville.

Julia moved to Arkansas soon after her boy died, and we haven't any more history of her.

## WILLIAM KING

William was the oldest child of Thomas King. It is said that he remembered very well their move to Springville when he was about six years old. William married Sabret Lawley near Odenville, Alabama. She had a near relative, Bill Lawley, near Odenville. William lived on Simmons Mountain near Springville, then at his daddy's farm a while. In a few years he bought a tract of land near Argo, Alabama, which later became the home of one of his boys, Price. Their children are Katherine, John, Lewis, Thomas, James, William (Bud), Frances, George, Wiley, Price, Alice, and Alfred. Two died in infancy.

## KATHERINE KING

Katherine, the oldest child of William King, married Harvey Pearson, son of Harvey Pearson. Both of them farmed near Springville. Harvey owned a farm and their children are Mary E. (Mollie), Rose, Henry, Mattie, Jim, and Comillus Fue (Dick). Minnie died at the age of twelve. Harvey and Katherine are buried at Springville.

## MARY ELIZABETH (MOLLIE) PEARSON

Mollie married Ben Sims, son of Thomas Sims of Trussville, Alabama. They lived in Birmingham most of their married life. Ben worked as an overseer at the County Alms Home in Birmingham for many years. He retired from work and lived to be over 90 years old. His home was in East End of Birmingham.

They have three children: Rosa Lee, Ercelle, and Paul.

## ROSA LEE SIMS

Rosa married Ted Wolford, the son of Isac Wolford of Birmingham. Ted was a draftsman with the T.C.I. (steel mill) in Ensley. One child died in infancy. Rosa died about 1931.

## ERCELLE SIMS

Ercelle worked in the probate judge's office in Birmingham for many years as a photograph or staff girl. She married a retired

lawyer, Guilford Hanes and lives in Blunt Springs on Highway 31 North.

### **PAUL SIMS**

Paul worked for the Cosby Hodges Feed Company in Birmingham for many years while single. He married Emily Ellen Poe of Anniston, Alabama. Paul was transferred to Montgomery, Alabama and promoted to Sales Manager for the same company.

They have three children: Paul, Jr., Robert, and a girl.

### **ROSE PEARSON**

Rose married John Coker of Odenville, Alabama, and lived there until death. She had one girl, Mildred Coker. When her mother died, Mildred lived for a while with her mother's sister, Mattie Stephens. Later, John Coker married Carrie Rankin, a farmer's daughter, near St. Clair Springs. They have two boys, John and George.

### **MILDRED COKER**

Mildred finished high school, took a business course and worked several years in the Farmers and Merchants Bank at Ashville, Alabama. She then married Kermit McCullough who works at Gadsden Steel Plant.

### **JOHN COKER**

John, a farmer, married a school teacher. He was in World War II. John has two children.

### **GEORGE COKER**

George married an orphan girl from Shoals Creek. He lives in Ashville, Alabama and works at the Steel Plant in Gadsden.

### **HENRY PEARSON**

Henry married Alma South, daughter of Austin South of Birmingham. Except for a few years when he ran a boarding house and a wagon and mule parking stable on Second Avenue and Twenty-fifth Street North in Birmingham, Henry farmed most of his life near Springville.

Their children are Katherine, Louise, Horace (who is adopted), Harold, Ralph, and James (deceased).

When Henry passed away, Alma continued to live on their farm north of Springville for a few years. She then made her home with Louise.

## **KATHERINE PEARSON**

Katherine married William Goode of Mount Olive. They live near Mount Olive Church, north of Birmingham. Mr. Goode is a carpenter with the Dupont Powder Company at Watson, Alabama. They have one boy, Alfred Pearson Goode, age fifteen, who goes to Phillips High School in Birmingham.

## **LOUISE PEARSON**

Louise married Andrew Cherry, son of Alexander Cherry of Dothan, Alabama. Andrew worked with the fire department of Birmingham till his retirement about 1945. Then they moved to Pensacola, Florida. He has a side line job as an auto salesman. They have one adopted boy, Jimmie.

## **JIMMIE CHERRY**

Jimmie married Martha Lambert of Birmingham. He studied to be a commercial artist in college and holds a good paying job. Jimmie, about 31 years old, works and lives in New York City.

## **HORACE PEARSON**

Horace married Beulah Collier of Roanoke, Alabama. He worked with the Alabama Power Company at Eufaula, Alabama, as a superintendent for a number of years, then moved to Virginia and did about the same kind of work there. He returned to Birmingham a few years back and is working in the Engineering Department with Alabama Power Company. They have two children, Patricia and Horace, Jr., who are in school.

## **HAROLD PEARSON**

Harold left the farm early. He worked with the Seals Company in Birmingham for a number of years as a collector. He has been on the police force for many years now. He married Viola Berton of Adger near Bessemer, Alabama, and lives in East End of Birmingham. They have three children: Flouretta, Kathy, and Harold, Jr.

## **RALPH PEARSON**

Ralph farmed for a while with his mother at Springville after his daddy died. At the present time he is working at Hayes Aircraft. He married Lucille Rebino of Ensley and lives in Ensley. They have two children, Carlon and baby.

## PICKENS PEARSON

Pickens married Wilma Dyer, daughter of Mose Dyer, a railroad section foreman at Springville, Alabama. She is a sister to Edd Dyer of Springville. Pickens worked in the Pell City, Alabama, Bank until his health failed and he had to quit work altogether. He owned a home in Pell City and a good farm nearby. They have three children: Ralph, Edward, and Evelyn. Wilma died about 1930; Pickens died in December, 1938.

Ralph married several years ago and has some children. He has lived in New Orleans, Louisiana for many years and has a government job in the Engineering Department.

Edward married several years back and has children. He also works for the government in the Engineering Department at Arlington, Virginia.

## EVELYN PEARSON

Evelyn married a Birmingham boy who worked for several years with the Brown Funeral Insurance Company in Birmingham. They moved to Fort Worth, Texas, where he worked in the same business. In a short while he accumulated some property. When he died (still a young man), he left his wife well off. Evelyn disposed of her property and got a job as secretary and treasurer of a club in Fort Worth.

## JIM PEARSON

Jim spent several years out in the West looking for a fortune. About 1915 he came back to Springville. Just before becoming an old bachelor he married a home town girl, but soon separated. Then he married Mrs. Mae McCrory near Ashville, Alabama. They had one girl. He farmed near Ashville until death or sometime in the Thirties.

## MATTIE PEARSON

Mattie (Mat) married Dick Stephens, son of Richard Stephens of South Alabama. Dick farmed near Springville all of his life. He died about 1928 at the age of 63. Mattie continued to live in Springville until she became an invalid in 1956. Now she is in a nursing home near Gadsden. Mattie has been a lively, spry person all the years back. She is about 82 years old. She has in her possession a number of pictures of old timers and places—some are about 100 years old. There are small tintypes and the large ones that hang on the wall. They have five children: Virginia, Henry, Ione (deceased at age thirty), Flora and John Emery.

## **VIRGINIA STEPHENS**

Virginia married Joe W. Light and their home is in St. Elmo, Tennessee. Joe worked most of his life with the Combustion Engine Company in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The last several years there he was assistant manager (vice president). He served in World War I. Joe, of the Baptist faith, died in 1953. They have three children: Joe W., Jr., Mary Linda, and Charles.

## **JOE LIGHT**

Joe spent quite a hitch in World War II. He met a service girl and married her while still in the Marines. Joe finished college and lives in Red Lands, California.

## **MARY LINDA LIGHT**

Mary Linda finished high school and began working with GMAC in Chattanooga, Tennessee. She married Herb Wilson of Chattanooga. He served in World War II and now works with Combustion Engine Company in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

## **CHARLES PATRICK LIGHT**

Charles married a girl in his home town. Their two children are Ginnie and Pat. They are Baptist.

## **HENRY STEPHENS**

Henry married Christine White, daughter of Porter White, a farmer near Beaver Valley, Ashville, Alabama (RFD #1). They have three children: Richard Lamar, Betty Faye, and John Henry.

## **RICHARD LAMAR STEPHENS**

Lamar married a Sebring, Florida girl and has one child. He was in service during World War II.

## **BETTY FAYE STEPHENS**

Betty Faye married David Green of Sebring, Florida. She worked while he was in service during the last war. They have one child, David.

## **IONE STEPHENS**

Ione remained single and continued to live with her mother until death. She was in her early thirties when she died.



## **FLORA STEPHENS**

Flora married Hunter Brooks near Springville, Alabama. Hunter farmed many years and as time rocked along he became a full time public workman. He has been with Hayes Aircraft in Birmingham for several years. They live in Springville near the railroad depot.

Hunter Brooks was in World War I. Their children are James B. and Frank W. They attend the Baptist Church.

## **JAMES B. BROOKS**

James married Ruby Simmons of Springville. He served in the Navy as a First Electrician. James works for Allis Chalmers in Gadsden, Alabama. Their children are Lynda F. and Marilyn Debborah.

## **FRANK W. BROOKS**

Frank married Shirley Lowery of Trussville, Alabama. He finished high school and is employed at Allis Chalmers in Gadsden, Alabama.

## **JOHN EMERY STEPHENS**

John the youngest child of Mattie Stephens is now about 41 years old. John married Mabel Sizemore of Keener, Alabama, but in a very few years she passed away. He then married Alene Bradford, Pil Bradford's daughter of Altona, Alabama. Alene finished college and taught school for a while. They have a boy, Larry, and live at Altona, Alabama.

## **COMILLUS FUE PEARSON (Wild Dick)**

Dick, or C. F., is the youngest child of Katherine Pearson. He is 76 years old or better. Dick continued to live in his mother's old home and "batch" for many years after her death. He then made his home with his sister, Mattie Stephens. Dick gave the fair sex the run-around and never married.

Dick holds the record of doing the least visiting and the least mixing with people of the surrounding country. Back about 1902 a cousin of Dick's visited him on a Saturday, riding a mule. After dinner the cousin asked Dick to go home with him. To his surprise, Dick dressed, got on a mule, and off they went. The trip was about five miles and all was going well till they got about half way there. All of a sudden, Dick pulled up on the bridle rein straps, said, "I am going back home," turned around, and giving the mule a rap, back home on a trot he went . . . that is about the extent of Dick's visiting.



**MATTIE PEARSON STEPHENS – AGE 81**  
**COMILLUS FUE (Dick) PEARSON – AGE 71**  
October, 1953

### **MINNIE PEARSON**

Minnie's name was not mentioned in Katherine Pearson's children. She lived to be about twelve years old.

### **JOHN AND LEWIS KING**

John and Lewis were called to the Civil War. One of them soon died and the other one wrote home for a while. Soon he failed to write, and they were not heard of again. They were about thirty years old.

### **THOMAS J. KING (TOM)**

Tom, born in 1842, is next after Katherine. He married Molley Presley, daughter of Bill Presley. Molley was a sister to Margaret Elizabeth (Sis) Melton and Squire Bud Presley. She was raised near Fair Field School, which was abandoned in the early Twenties.

Tom, who was a lifetime farmer, owned a farm next to his daddy's old farm.

Tom had a byword which was, "Pshaw," this, that and etc., with a lot of remarks he made.

Their children are: Lee Ander, Jim Alice, Minnie, Easter, Ira, William (Billy), and Presley (Pres).

## LEE ANDER KING

Lee married Zannah Hall, the daughter of Sylvester Hall, near Springville, Alabama. She was a sister to Rev. John and Hugh Hall.

When Lee Ander married he bought his daddy's old log home near a spring which has never been dry. His daddy had just built a new house on another part of his land. Lee Ander lived there all his life.

His travelling history shows that he never was over fifty miles away from home—or Argo, Alabama. Lee Ander was a spry, lively man all his life. His witty remarks at gatherings brought out many a hearty laugh. There are a few pictures of him among the relatives, taken the last two or three years of his life.

Their children are Bertie, Artie, Ernest, Hugh, Nettie, Tom, and Irene. One baby is dead.

Zannah died about 1909 or 1910, and Lee married Annie Bowerman. Her father, whose name was Benton was a farmer on Blount Mountain, near Oneonta, Alabama.

Their children are Price, Stella, Lucille, Elizabeth, Ida, John, and Carry. One baby is dead. So, Lee Ander was blessed with 16 children.

He was born in 1869, and passed away in 1951, nearly 83 years old.

## BERTIE KING

Bertie was born about 1894 and married Charlie Newman of Argo, Alabama, son of Bud Newman, a farmer. Charlie did some farming soon after he married. He has been working at Ensley Steel Mill for many years now, and lives in Ensley.

They have four children: Virginia, Ralph, Robert, and Donald.

## VIRGINIA NEWMAN

Virginia married W. D. Betts of Eclectic, a small town near Wetumpka, Alabama, about 1949. They have two children—one girl and a boy, Fred Eugene.

Betts works for Tennessee Coal & Iron Company in Ensley, Alabama, and lives in Ensley.

## RALPH NEWMAN

Ralph married Mary C. Hayes. They have one girl, Belitta. Ralph served in the Navy during World War II, and now works with Bell Telephone Company. They live in Ensley.

## ROBERT NEWMAN

Robert is serving a hitch in the Army overseas, 1955-1956.

## **DONALD NEWMAN**

Donald is studying Engineering as a co-op student at Auburn. His co-op job, which pays his way through college is at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

## **ARTIE KING**

Artie, the second child of Lee Ander, was born in 1896, in the good old horse and wagon days—even a few ox wagons remained. Artie left the farm early in life and worked a while in Birmingham. She married James Brown, son of Nicolas Brown of Ashland, Mississippi. James began early in life to work with T.C.I. in Ensley, and worked until he became 65 years old. He retired the first of 1955. They live near Fairview in Birmingham.

Their children are James, Jr., Frances, and Harold.

## **JAMES BROWN**

James is about 34 years old. He married Mary Louise Satterfield of Birmingham. They had one child, Jane Marie. They are divorced. James married Ethel Ash of Irondale, Alabama, and has one child, Linda. He lives in Irondale and works at the tin mill in Fairfield.

## **FRANCES BROWN**

Frances married Pervy W. Matthews of Birmingham and lives in Midfield on the Birmingham-Bessemer Super Highway. He works with Blue Cross Insurance Company in Birmingham. They have a three-year old child, Jerry.

## **HAROLD BROWN**

Harold married Martha Joe Fortner of Birmingham and they live in Roebuck. He worked on the police force in the city a while and quit there the last of 1955.

They have one boy, Harold, Jr.

## **ERNEST KING**

Ernest left the farm early in life and picked up a few jobs here and there. Finally, he dug coal for a year or so, then joined the Army and served part of the time in France during World War I. After that hitch he continued to dig coal at Margaret Mines, Alabama, which have been closed down for about 20 years now.

While he worked at Margaret he married Maggie Mize, the daughter of Sam Mize of Odenville, Alabama. They married soon after he got out of service. He later dug coal near Bessemer. In 1925 he got a

job with the Birmingham Electric Company as a motorman. About 1927 he got on the City Fire Department, worked there several years, but was pensioned off the job because of his health. As time rocked along, he picked up carpenter work on the side and soon became a house building contractor.

Ernest had a fatal heart attack in December, 1951, at the age of 52. His burial place is in Elmwood Cemetery in Birmingham. The family attends the Seventh Day Adventist Church in West End.

Their children are Jewel and Ernestine.

Maggie owns and lives in an apartment house on Third Avenue and Tenth Street West in Birmingham.

## **JEWEL KING**

Jewel married James Dodson of Birmingham. They were divorced, and she married Jessie J. Fulgham of Birmingham. They live in the West Side of the city. He is an inspector at the Hayes Aircraft Corp.

Their children are Franklin E. and Fredrick—about 7 and 8 years old.

## **ERNESTINE KING**

Ernestine finished school at West End High about the end of World War II. She married Fred Buck, a lieutenant in the Air Corps from Davenport, New York. He was in service about four years. Soon after being discharged he began working with Ernestine's father. Fred made a go as a builder, and is now a contractor for himself. They own a home in the West Side of Birmingham.

Ernestine has been working with the Hayes Aircraft for several years as a stenographer.

## **HUGH KING**

Hugh left the farm early and worked in the steel mill at Ensley. Later he got a job with the Street Car Company in Birmingham as a conductor. He quit that job about 1929 and got on the Birmingham police force. He has worked long enough to retire on the city plan, but prefers to continue working a few years extra. Hugh is well known as JOHN HENRY KING among the street car men, city firemen, and especially the policemen.

Hugh married Daisy Motley, daughter of R. W. Motley, a farmer of Prattville, Alabama, about 1927.

Their children are Milton and Elsie Faye. Hugh owns a home in the West Side of Birmingham. He and his family attend the Seventh Day Adventist Church in West End.

Hugh is the first King to be a policeman.

## MILTON KING

Milton finished high school in Ensley, and soon got a job with International Harvester Company of Birmingham, in the office. While working he took a business course and is now doing clerical work with the same company. Milton served two years in the Army under the peace-time draft.

He is about 27 years old and lives with his parents.

## ELSIE FAYE KING

Elsie Faye finished Ensley High School and is now a stenographer at the Board of Education in Birmingham. She lives with her parents.

## NETTIE KING

Nettie finished Fairfield high school in a community known as Dippersville on Highway 11, three miles northeast of the Argo Railroad Station. She married Lloyd Littlejohn, son of Charlie Littlejohn of Lawley, Alabama. Floyd has been driving a gasoline truck for the Woco Pep or Pure Oil Company ever since they married. He owns a home in East Birmingham.

Their children are Juanita, Janitte, and Zona Mae.

## JUANITA LITTLEJOHN

Juanita married Edward C. Letchman of Birmingham in 1946. He is making a career in the Air Force, and is now stationed at Savannah, Georgia.

They have one boy, Mike, about 6 years old.

## JANITTE LITTLEJOHN

Janitte finished high school and got a job in West Field Sheet Mill at Fairfield. She soon was promoted to operate an overhead crane. She worked there for many years.

Janitte took up the hobby of riding a motorcycle. History shows she is the only motorcycle riding girl of the Kings' relatives. She rode the motorcycle to work each day and on many pleasure trips. One morning on her way to work she had an accident and was almost killed. She stayed in the T.C.I. Hospital for many weeks. Janitte recovered all right and continued to work.

She married Melvin Fultz of Mississippi in 1950. He is a road machine machinist. They live in Birmingham.

## ZONA MAE LITTLEJOHN

Zona married Willie C. Walker of Birmingham in 1952. Willie was injured while serving his country in World War II and is a disabled veteran. Zona Mae is a window decorator at Woolworth's Ten Cent Store in Birmingham. They live in the city.

## TOM KING

Tom left the farm while a young lad and picked up a few odd jobs. He worked for the movies in Birmingham and elsewhere. About 1934 he began working for the Street Car Company in Birmingham as a conductor.

Tom married Gladys Quattlebaum, daughter of Thad W. Quattlebaum of West End in Birmingham, about 1928. They have one child, Tommy, Jr. Tom passed away with a heart attack in 1938. Gladys and Tommy lived with her parents till she passed away in 1947.

## TOMMY KING

Tommy continued to live with his grandparents. When he finished school he began to work for the city on the police force.

After serving a hitch in the Navy, he married Dale Caldwell of Birmingham. Their children are Thomas and Dawn. They live in West End Highlands.

Tom is the number two policeman in this line of relatives.

## IRENE KING

Irene married Clyde Fortenbery of Irondale, Alabama. Clyde worked at the Munger Gin Company in Birmingham for several years. Then he began to work at the Anderson Brass Foundry in East Birmingham and has been there for several years.

They own a home in Inglenook and have three children: June Carnice, Curtis, and Linda.

## JUNE CARNICE FORTENBERY

June is 20 years old and was married to John C. Hobbie of Hartsville, Alabama, in 1955. John has just finished high school and is subject to being drafted in the Army any time. They are now living in Hartsville, Alabama.

Curtis and Linda are going to school.

Next will be the children of  
**ANNIE and LEE ANDER KING,**  
or, the second marriage of Lee Ander.

## **PRICE KING**

Price was born in 1911 and raised on the farm. He has never done any public work. He married Doc Simmons' daughter, Grace, a farm girl of Claytons-Cole. Price rented farms for a few years after he married until he bought a good one near Vincent, Alabama. He has made a wonderful success farming. Price started out with a plow and mule; now he does the work with a tractor and machines. So, Price is the only late model farmer among the Kings who depends on farming alone.

He has four children: Harold, Bernice, Joyce, and Floye.

## **HAROLD KING**

Harold finished high school at Vincent, Alabama, and married Mattie Lue Sanford about 1951. He lives in Orlando, Florida and works in a cafe.

They have two children.

## **BERNICE KING**

Bernice married Jessie Mae Jemerson of Vinson, Alabama. He is farming with his father.

## **JOYCE KING**

Joyce married Marvin Brasher of Westover, Alabama. He works in Birmingham as a carpenter, and they live near Westover.

## **STELLA KING**

Stella quit the farm while quite a young girl and worked in the city until she was just about old enough to qualify as an old maid—a few years under 40. She married Mr. Chirichigno, a bakery man of Denver, Colorado, and they live there.

## **LUCILLE KING**

Lucille married a widower, Sims Lovejoy of Centerville, Alabama, in 1942. He had one child Lyman A., and since they married they have one child, David L.

Sims was a machinist at Stockham Pipe, but quit about 1951 to become manager of Camp Cosby at Clay, Alabama. They live in a house on the camp grounds.

## **ELIZABETH KING**

Elizabeth married Ewell Gill, the son of Charlie Gill, a farmer near Springville, Alabama, about 1937. He did some farming after





**LEE ANDER KING and WIFE ANNIE**

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they married, then had a bicycle shop in Birmingham a number of years. They have two children, Gene and Doris. After Ewell and Elizabeth separated several years back, Elizabeth bought a home in Inglenook, where she raised the children. She has had a good-paying job ever since they separated. Ewell continued repairing bicycles and lives in Texas. He also has a hobby of entertaining in a string band.

### **IDA KING**

Ida left the farm early in life, headed for the city to work and get rich, or marry. After working for several years, she took the easiest way of the two problems and married Joe H. Walker of Birmingham. They live in the West Side of the city. He works as a plumber at A.C.I.P.CO.

They have one boy.

## JOHN S. KING

John joined the Navy before the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941. The ship he was on was bombed and sunk. Many were killed around him. Although he was in several battles, he came out without a scratch. The only injury he got during the war was when he missed a step, tripped, fell and broke his arm on the ship. A short time later he was discharged from the service. He began working at Sears in Birmingham as a refrigerator repair man. About 1950 he married Sara D. Handy of Dadeville, Alabama. They live in the Southwest side of Birmingham.

Their two children are Steven W. and Beverly Ann.

## CARRY KING

Carry, the youngest child of Lee Ander, soon in life left the farm for the bright lights of the city, worked for a while, then married J. C. Martin of Clay. Carry, about 33 years old, has two children. They live in the East End of the city. He works at the Steel City Erection Company of Birmingham.

## JIM ALICE KING

Jim Alice is next in line after Lee Ander King. A statement will be made about her later with Alice King and Dr. Ben Clayton's family.

## MINNIE KING

Minnie was born about 1874. At the age of 21 she married Walter Weems, age 22, the son of Jim Weems, a farmer of Clay, Alabama. Walter has owned a farm adjoining the Tom King farm ever since he and Minnie married. They have been married 61 years and are 82 years old.

Their married life has been wonderful—their cup of joy has ever been overflowing. They were blessed with four children. One child died before he was grown.

It so happens now, that they have more birthdays stacked up than any of the rest of the living relatives. Walter and Minnie have lived all their life around their farm, except for a year or two. During that time, in the Thirties, they made a trip to California and Oregon, and worked in restaurants.

Their children are Essie Mae, Lester (deceased), Grady, and Aubry.

## ESSIE MAE WEEMS

Essie was born in 1898 and married James Poe of Leeds, Alabama, when she was about seventeen years old. They have lived on the farm James owns, near Leeds, ever since they married. He

farmed and worked in an auto garage in Leeds for many years. He has been working at the Munger Gin Works Company in Birmingham for several years.

They have six children: Leon, Marcella, Donald, Harrel, Tommy, and Charles.

### **LEON POE**

Leon married Nellie Maudine Taylor, Jackie Taylor's daughter. He is a railroad man, and their home is in the West Side of Birmingham.

They have four children: Patricia Ann, age 15; Linda Leona, age 12; Essie Carol, age 10; and Margaret.

### **MARCELLA POE**

Marcella married Woodrow W. Reeves, Henry and Elsie Reeves' son. They live in the West Side of Birmingham. He is a steel inspector at the Steel Mill in Fairfield.

They have two children: Judith Annette, age 11; and Gloria Gale, age 15.

### **DONALD G. POE**

Donald married Agnes Low Shook, Charlie and Nellie Shook's daughter. They live at Concord near Bessemer. He is a maintenance man at Conoco Oil Company.

Their two children are Peggy Lynn, age 5, and Donna Lou, age 3. Donald spent two years in service during World War II, part of the time in India and Burma.

### **HAROLD W. POE**

Harold married Martha Louise Scott, daughter of Maurice and Ruby Scott of Leeds, Alabama. They live in the West Side of Birmingham. He spent two years in the Navy during World War II, and is now a machinist.

Their two children are Harold W., age 7, and James Preston, age 5.

### **THOMAS EUGENE POE**

Eugene finished high school and then college at Berry College in Rome, Georgia. He and his wife teach school. They live in Raburn Gap, Georgia.

### **CHARLES RAY POE**

Charles married Ann Karr of Leeds, Alabama and lives in Leeds.

He is going to Howard College in Birmingham, studying for the ministry—a senior in 1955.

They have a boy, Timothy Ray.

### **GRADY WEEMS**

Grady was born and jerked up, or raised, on the farm. He was born too late to serve in World War I, and too early to be in World War II. . . a lucky guy. While a young lad he made a trip in the far West, to make that his home, and feast on the flowers and sunshine and opportunities. He soon got homesick for good old Argo, Alabama and returned home to live among his loved ones and friends. Grady has always lived on the farm. He married Martha Stout of Cookville, Tennessee. Soon after, he built a house near his father's home, and has lived in it ever since.

Their children are Joann, Dalton, Sue, Bobby Cantrel, age 17, and Michael Grady, age 3.

### **JOANN WEEMS**

Joann married Riley S. Key, of Argo. He drives a highway freight truck all over the states, and is seldom at their home at Springville, Alabama.

Their two children are Charlotte Ann, and James Samuel.

### **SUE WEEMS**

Sue married Charles Crandall, a lawyer, and the son of Huston Crandall, of Springville, Alabama.

They have one child, Robin Sue.

### **DALTON WEEMS**

Dalton finished high school and attended Jacksonville State Teachers College for about two years, then served in the Army for a while. He is about 20 years old.

### **BOBBY CANTREL WEEMS (SHUG)**

Bobby is still living with his parents.

### **MICHAEL GRADY WEEMS**

Michael was born in 1953. He is 14 years younger than Shug.

### **AUBRY WEEMS**

Aubry was born and raised on the farm, and has lived there all his life. He went out West while a young lad, looking for a place to get

rich fast. Soon he got homesick for good old Argo, Alabama, and returned. In the meantime, he married Estelle Reed, daughter of Marcus Reed, of Argo. Aubry bought a farm and made a great success farming. In fact, he made one of the most outstanding farmers in the community. During the war, Aubry worked a lot at public work as well as farming. For the last few years he has been doing the same.

Their children are Marie, Patricia (Patsy), Marcus, Emma Lou, and Audry Lee (Sis).

### **MARIE WEEMS**

Marie married George Palmer, a widower of Ashville, Alabama, who had one child, Shirley Ann. Now, they have one child, Mary Debra.

They live in Gadsden, Alabama, where he is a shipping clerk for Republic Steel.

### **PATRICIA WEEMS (PATSY OR PAT)**

Pat finished high school at Trussville, Alabama. She made the most outstanding farm hand. For a girl she was an expert when it came to plowing with a tractor—she could handle a truck with the greatest of ease. She grew up with a wonderful personality. Her witty remarks brought out many a hearty laugh.

Pat went into nurse's training in a clinic at Leeds, for Dr. Clifton Clayton, a close relative. In a few years she married Charles Pierce, of Leeds, and soon quit nursing. He spent two years in college and two years in military service during World War II. He is a draftsman, and they are now living in Tuscaloosa.

They have one boy, John William, age 1.

### **EMMA LOU WEEMS**

Emma, who was quite a farm girl too, finished high school at Trussville. She married Lester Earl Frazier, of Ashville, Alabama, and they live near Aubry. Lester served four years in the Air Corps during World War II. He graduated from the University of Alabama, and is a bookkeeper in Gadsden.

Their children are Sharon and Jennie.

### **MARCUS WEEMS**

Marcus joined the Army before finishing school, and was stationed in Germany for quite a while. He finished the hitch in the Army in 1955. Marcus lives with his parents, and works away from home.

### **AUDRY LEE (SIS)**

Audry was born in 1939. Her twin died at birth. Sis is going to high school.

## **EASTER KING**

Easter was born about 1874. She married Warren Melton, son of Tom Melton, of Argo, and a brother to Guss and Comillus (Mill) Melton. Warren farmed a few years at Argo after they married. He moved to East Lake and worked for the City of Birmingham for several years, quit the city and got a job with the Street Car Company as a track foreman. He held that job a long while, until the street cars were replaced with transit buses. He then picked up odd jobs. Warren started out in life without anything. He worked and managed so well that he owned a nice home and some city and country property.

Easter passed away in May, 1942, and Warren passed away about 1950.

Their children are Emmitt, Clyde, Alma, Ruby, Hollin, and Lois.

## **EMMITT MELTON (RED)**

Emmitt finished high school and married Susie Womack, daughter of Thomas Womack, of Ensley. Emmitt began to work for the Alabama Power Company while a young lad and has been there ever since. He is a foreman or superintendent now. He has lived at Tallassee, Alabama, for many years. Since he has red hair, he is well known about Tallassee as "Red" Melton.

There are seven children: Carlton, Robert Earl, Thomas, William, Horace, Nora, and Peggy Sue. Emmitt's wife passed away March, 1956.

## **CARLTON MELTON**

Carlton was born about 1922. When he married, back in the early Forties, he lived in Tallassee, Alabama, and had one girl, Martha Sue. A few years later, he was fatally wounded in an auto accident. His widow remarried.

## **ROBERT EARL MELTON**

Robert Earl married a girl in Oregon and has 3 children. He is employed by the State Patrol in Klamath Falls, Oregon, and lives in the same city.

## **THOMAS MELTON**

Thomas is married and has four children. He lives in Gulfport, Mississippi, and works for Alabama Power Company.

## **WILLIAM MELTON**

William is making a career in the Navy as a doctor. He is married and has three children. Their home is at Long Beach, California.

## **HORACE MELTON**

Horace is single and works for the Southern Bell Telephone Company as a lineman.

## **NORA MELTON**

Nora is about 25 years old. She married Leighton Beers, a law student who will finish his work in the middle of 1956. They live in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

## **PEGGY SUE MELTON**

Peggy, born in 1935, married Boyd Hornsby of Tallassee, and lives in the house with her father.

## **CLYDE MELTON**

Clyde married Mrs. Eva Patton, daughter of John. Eva had one child, Betty Lane Patton, when she and Clyde married. Clyde worked for the Alabama Power Company at Tallassee for several years, then returned to Birmingham, and lives in the East End of the city. He worked at Smith Steel Works, then for the Street Car Company in Birmingham, as a welder. For several years he has been working in the Steel Mill at Ensley as a welder foreman. Clyde has stacked up 55 birthdays to his credit.

Clyde and Eva have two children of their own: Dorice and Nancy.

## **BETTY LANE PATTON (Stepdaughter)**

Betty married Lou Baldine. They are separated, and she lives in New York.

## **DORICE MELTON**

Dorice, 30 years old, married Mack G. Brownie, who works in the Construction Department of Alabama Power Company. He inspects the jobs and covers most of the state. They live with her parents.

## **NANCY MELTON**

Nancy, the youngest child, married Milton Howton, who is a salesman for a food and spice company in Houston, where they live.

## **ALMA MELTON**

Alma married Horace King, son of Elias King of Collinsville, near Gadsden. Horace hails from another tribe of Kings. They have a nice home in East Lake (South).

Horace, like most of the Kings, doesn't like hard work. So, while a young man, he made a bookkeeper out of himself and has worked in an office where there is no work. Alma works with the Overton Johnson Insurance Company.

### **LOIS MELTON**

Lois married N. Cecil Bishop of Center, Alabama. Cecil is a carpenter foreman. They separated about 1940. Lois married Junior Carson of Detroit, Michigan, and they live there.

### **HOLLIN MELTON**

After Hollin finished school, he picked up a few jobs here and there. He was manager of a Hill's Store for a few years. He married Ruth Crow, daughter of Charlie Crow, in Woodlawn. They had one child, William Eugene.

Hollin and Ruth separated about 1940. She married Marvin Cook in May, 1941. About three days after the wedding, Hollin visited Ruth at her home. When they met in the hall he shot and killed her, then shot and killed himself. The boy Eugene was raised and schooled by his grandfather Crow. Eugene is about 18 or 19 years old.

### **RUBY MELTON**

Ruby married Frank Jones of Birmingham. He works with the Armour Packing Company in Birmingham. They separated before 1936, and she married W. Edwin Day. They live in East Lake and have a boy and a girl.

### **WILLIAM KING (BILLY)**

Billy was born back in the horse and buggy days about 1887. He got his schooling in a small frame school house known as Fairfield School, in the days when there were no report cards to grade the pupils. There was no steam or hot air to warm the school house—just a big belly heater fired with pine knots or coal. Billy left the farm early in life, headed for the bright lights in the city. He worked for the City of Birmingham for several years, then quit and got a job with the Southern Express Company as an express truck driver. The company changed its name to Railway Express about 1940.

He was a proud owner of a motorcycle back in 1914 and 1915. Billy is past sixty-five years old and still working on his retired time.

He married Era Willett, daughter of Linn Willett of Argo, in 1918. He owns a home on 83rd Street in East Lake which he bought soon after he married. He also owns his father's old farm or home.

They have one child, Lillie Mae.



## LILLIE MAE KING

Lillie finished school and began to work in the office with Roy Bridges Company (auto sales and service in South Side). She held that job for several years, quit and married J. Rogers in 1940. They lived in Atlanta, Georgia, where he was employed until his death in October, 1953.

Their child, Virginia, is seven years old. Lillie is making her home with her parents and working in the office with Mayer Electric Supply Company in Birmingham.

## PRESLEY KING (PRESS)

Press was named after his mother's surname. He continued to farm with his parents until they passed away. Then he batched and rented the old home, but still lived there.

After his father died, he quit giving the fair sex the run-around. Just about the time he qualified as an old bachelor, he married Lucy Ware, the daughter of Dale Ware, of Clay Community. They lived together only a short while. During World War II Press worked quite a while in the city, in restaurants and hotel cafes. For the last several years he has been farming a little and taking care of the old home which belongs to his brother Billy. Press has seen about 74 birthdays.

## IRA KING

Ira was born in 1880. He went to Birmingham while a young lad, and secured a job. Since smallpox was raging for a time then, and was such a deadly disease, he was vaccinated for it. In the meantime, he took smallpox, which was fatal to him at the age of 20.

Two men in the community, who had had smallpox, Tom Helton and John Wade, made the trip to Birmingham and got the body in a one-horse wagon. They arrived with the body just about dark at the Argo Church—too late to bury him. They decided not to carry the body to anyone's house for fear of spreading smallpox. So, they parked the wagon under a big tree near the church and left the body there for the night, where no one would bother it. Wade and Helton put the body in the grave the next morning and covered it partly. Some of the few men who stood off at a distance came to help finish filling the grave.

**TOM KING AND FAMILY ATTENDED  
THE ARGO PRESBYTERIAN (ROCK CHURCH),  
AND THAT IS THEIR BURIAL PLACE.**

## JAMES KING (JIM)

Jim, the fifth child of William King, was born in 1849. About the time Jim was 22 years old, John Pierce moved to Arkansas, by wagon, and Jim went with them to see the Kings, who had moved out there a few years before. He was gone a number of months, and returned home on a mule. (History shows that there was no visiting between the Arkansas and Alabama Kings from about 1872 till 1927 and 1936 . . . nearly 60 years.)

James married Nannie Perkins, the daughter of Bud Perkins, near Trussville, Alabama, and a sister to John, Will, and Finis Perkins.

James owned a good farm not far from Trussville, which he farmed on till about 1912. He sold the farm, and bought a house with a few acres of land on the edge of Trussville, and did a little farming till he passed away in 1937. A broken hip was fatal to him. Nannie passed away in August, 1936. Their burial place is in Trussville, Alabama.

Their children are Mamie, John Manley, William Edward (Edd) and Daisy.

## MAMIE KING

Mamie married Fee Self, the son of Jasper Self, a farmer near Clay, Alabama. Soon after they married, he bought the old Jim King farm near Happy Hollow, or Mount Olive Church. They lived in that house for many years. About 1928 or 1930 he built a new house near a big spring on his farm. The old King house was later torn down. Fee and Mamie always attended the Argo Presbyterian Church, and that is their burial place.

Fee was a thrifty farmer. He managed so well that he didn't realize there was a depression during the Twenties and Thirties. He was a self-supporting farmer. There was always plenty of pork in his smokehouse and enough lard on hand the year round. Canned vegetables galore—good old home ground meal—'taters and pumpkins—dried apples and peaches—and bushels of peanuts and walnuts and apples for the children to enjoy. What a good life the family did enjoy!

All good things will not last forever, so Fee passed away about 1948. Mamie, now 81, remained at the old home by herself. She is slowly recovering from a broken hip she got while doing house work in 1955.

Their children are Alton, Hugh, Mildred, John M., Hershel, Theodore (deceased), Elbert, and Alvin.

## MILDRED SELF

Mildred married Matthews Jones, the son of John Jones, of Leeds, Alabama. Matthews, a painter and paper hanger, works in Leeds and

the surrounding community. Mildred began teaching school several years after she married. Their home is near Leeds.

They have one child, Harold. He served a while in the Army during World War II—part of the time in Germany. He is going to college in Maryville, Tennessee (1955).

### **ALTON SELF**

Alton, born about 1905, soon left the farm and went in business with his brother Alvin in North Birmingham. They sell new and used cars and auto parts, and run an auto garage.

He married Josephine Coats of Birmingham, and they own a home in North Birmingham.

### **JOHN MANLEY SELF**

John M. married Jean Hooper, the daughter of Jim Hooper, a farmer near Mount Calvary Church. He owns part of his daddy's farm. He does a little farming and works at Conner Steel in Birmingham.

They have six children: Lawrence, age 17; Jimmy; Peggy; Mary; Don, and Danny (twins). One child is dead.

### **HUGH SELF**

Hugh married Annie Bell Cox, the daughter of John Cox of Trussville, Alabama. Hugh worked in Tom Gleen's store at Trussville for several years, quit, and is working now at T.C.I. in Ensley. They live in Trussville.

They have two children: Charles and Ann.

### **HERSHEL SELF**

Hershel married Virginia Hooper of Clay, Alabama. He works with Conner Steel Company in Birmingham and lives near Trussville.

They have three children: Hellen, Sandy, and Bobby.

### **ALBERT SELF**

Albert, the youngest child, married Lucille Denton, the daughter of Tom Denton of near Argo, Alabama. Albert works at Conner Steel in Woodlawn, and has a home on part of his dad's farm.

There are four children: Carrol, Johnny, Richard, and Arnold.

### **ALVIN SELF**

Alvin left the farm soon after he finished school. He went in business with his brother Alton, selling new and used cars and auto parts, and running an auto garage.

He married Virginia Chanell, the daughter of John Chanell, a farmer of Argo, Alabama. They live in Norwood (Birmingham).

### **JOHN MANLEY KING (Dentist)**

Manley was born about 1877, down on the farm. While a young lad he found out that his hands just didn't fit the plow or the hoe handles. He also found out that it hurt his back to pick cotton...so off to college he went to study dentistry. When he got his degree he began practicing in Birmingham.

Manley is the first King to own an automobile—about 1915.

When Manley was a young man it was stylish for doctors, preachers, professors, and well-dressed men to wear a derby—so Manley wore a derby till he married. Back in the days when Manley began his practice, most dentists had a foot pedal tooth drilling machine. They often carried it with them to do some work right in the home where there was a toothache. It was customary for a dentist to carry his dental satchel when he went off visiting any distance.

Manley married Betty Morrow, the daughter of Woolsey Morrow, a wealthy farmer near Trussville on Highway 11 North.

Manley fell and broke his hip in 1953, and has not been able to do any work since. They have a nice home in Norwood.

Their children are John Manley, Jr., and Mary Elizabeth. Two died very young.

### **JOHN MANLEY KING, JR. (Dentist)**

John was born in December, 1913. When he finished high school, he followed his dad's footsteps and studied dentistry in Memphis, Tennessee.

When he finished college he started to work in the office with his Uncle Ed, also a dentist. Later, he went in with his father. Now, John has an office of his own in Homewood. He has become one of the best dentists around Birmingham.

He married Robina Coates, of North Birmingham, in 1941. In 1942, he enlisted in the Navy to do dental work. He served about two years—part of the time in the South Pacific. John was called back in service during the Korean War for about one year, but didn't leave the states during that hitch.

He owns a modernistic home off Lake Shore Drive in Edgewood near the old Edgewood Lake.

They have two children: Jean, age 11; and Andy, age 6.

### **MARY ELIZABETH KING**

Mary, born in 1924, finished Phillips High School in Birmingham, then attended the University of Alabama.

Soon after she got out of college she went to work for America Fore Insurance Company, in the office, and is still with them. She lives with her parents.

## DAISY KING

Daisy was born about 1884, and was jerked up on the farm. She took after the rest of the Kings—she always had plenty to eat and ate a lot.

Daisy married Almos Taylor, the son of John Lewis Taylor, a farmer near Mount Calvary Church (Claytons Cole). They owned a home on the edge of Pinson, Alabama, better known as Mount Pinson. This is where the old Confederate Soldiers held their reunions till about 1920 or 1921, when they discontinued them.

Almos was a rural route postman until his health failed him. Then he was a retired postman for several years. Almos carried the mail in a buggy—rain, shine, or freezing weather, the mail had to go. He passed away in 1935. Daisy sold the home and bought a home down the road toward Tarrant, about two miles.

There are three children: Bonnie, Vestal, and James.

## BONNIE TAYLOR

Bonnie was born about 1907. He has given the fair sex the run-around all these years, and never married. His qualifications entitle him to an old bachelor button.

Bonnie continues to live with his mother. He began barbering while a young lad, and has continued doing the same. He started out cutting hair for two bits—now the price of a hair cut is \$1.25. His shop is in Pinson, Alabama.

## VESTAL TAYLOR

Vestal is Daisy's only girl, and she is a redhead. She became a beautician while very young, and has continued doing the same. Her shop is in Pinson.

She married W. K. Bach, of Birmingham, back in the Twenties, but they soon separated. In the Forties she married Charles E. Spencer, a retired merchant seaman. They room with her mother.

## JAMES TAYLOR

James married Lucille Heaton near Pinson. He is a painter, and they live in Tarrant City, Alabama.

Their three children are: Harvey, age 17; Bonnie, age 13; and Evelyn, age 11.

## WILLIAM EDWARD KING (Dentist)

Ed left the farm while a young lad and enlisted in the Navy for a hitch of four years. He was the first King boy to join the Navy.

When he left the Navy he studied dentistry in college. He started his practice in Birmingham, and continued there till his health failed him about 1946.

Ed holds another first. In 1914 and 1915 it was stylish for men to own a motorcycle—so Ed was the first King to own one.

He married Mrs. Toxie Baker, the daughter of Mr. Spencer, of Mobile, Alabama. Toxie had a girl named Toxie, born about 1920. When Toxie died, young Toxie moved to New York City to live with a relative. In 1937, Ed married Gertrude Bailey of Leeds, Alabama.

Ed sold his West End home in 1947, moved to Denver, Colorado, and bought a home there. He soon had a stroke, and is now an invalid. He sold out in Denver in 1955, and moved to Leeds, Alabama.

## WILLIAM KING, JR. (BUD)

Bud, the sixth child of William King, married Nannie Keith, the daughter of John Keith, and sister of Rich, Jeff, and Jennie Keith Hall. Nannie lived only a few years after they married.

Then, Bud married Leona Smith, the daughter of John Allen Smith, and sister of Malone Laster's wife, Ila Inez. Their children are Jessie Lee and Lucille. Bud died with TB in 1903, the girls passed away about 17 years old with TB, and their mother also died with TB. They are buried at Argo Rock Church.

## FRANCES KING

Frances, born in 1854, married Richard Keith (Rich) the son of John Keith. Rich owned a large farm just north of Argo.

Their children are Tellie, Mamie, William R. (Will), Honor, Frances Alice (Fannie), and Kate. Frances died about 1888, and Rich married Sara Byers, the daughter of Edd Byers, of Ashville, Alabama. They have four children: Wesco, Cuba, Essie, and Myrtle. Rich passed away with TB about 1902. His wife continued to live at their home till 1916. She then made her home with the youngest child, Myrtle. Sara passed away February 3, 1922—age 56.

Rich Keith's family attended the Presbyterian Church (Rock Church), and that is their burial place.

## TELLIE KEITH

Tellie married Tom Stephens, the son of John Stephens, of Coffee County. Tom was a rural route postman out of Trussville until he retired in about 1933. He then ran a filling station in Trussville,



**WILL KEITH AND REUBEN KEITH'S WIFE WANDA.  
AT THE OLD RICH KEITH HOME.  
August, 1954**

where he owned a home until he passed away in 1940. Tellie continues to live in the old home, except for visiting spells with her children.

Their children are: Talmadge, Ralph, Marvin, Ada, and Sara.

### **TALMADGE D. STEPHENS**

Talmadge, born about 1900, was raised and schooled in Trussville. He married Bessie Hunt of Birmingham first. Then he married Charlotte Moore, the daughter of C. B. Moore, of Boston, Massachusetts.

Talmadge had one child, Dewitt, Jr., by his first wife.

He worked for the Woodward Iron Company in Brighton, Alabama, for a long time. He was promoted to chief timekeeper, and held that position until he passed away in the Forties. He lived at Dolomite, near Fairfield, Alabama.

## **RALPH LEE STEPHENS**

Ralph was born and raised in Trussville, and has always lived there. He married Mary Sams, the daughter of Hugo Sams, a railroad section foreman at Trussville. Ralph has run a filling station, and repaired cars for many years. He lives on the edge of Trussville.

## **MARVIN STEPHENS**

Marvin joined the Navy while a young lad, and made it his career. He married Roberta Thomas of Washington, D. C.

Their two children are Marvin Massey, and Franklin. Marvin retired about 1951, and is living near Washington, D. C. He was born about 1908.

## **ADAR STEPHENS**

Adar married Clarence Epps, the son of L. L. Epps of Trussville. Clarence ran a filling station in East Lake for a number of years, quit, and is now an instructor at a government school in Birmingham.

Their children are: John Stephens, Larry L., and Charlotte Elizabeth.

## **JOHN S. EPPS**

John married a Jemerson girl of Birmingham. They have two children and live in Birmingham.

## **SARA STEPHENS**

Sara married Dowfas D. Reed of Chattanooga, Tennessee. He is a lawyer, and practiced in Chattanooga for several years. They are living in Miami, Florida, now.

## **MAMIE KEITH**

Mamie married John Bradford, the son of Gus Bradford of Claytons Cole Community. John farmed a little. He worked with road construction contractors as a foreman most of his life.

They had three children: Eugene, Ruth, and Hugh. Mamie died in 1910 with TB – about 30 years old.

In a few years, John married Carrie Cospers of Easonville, Alabama. John died about 1920, and Carrie then married a man named Cospers, of Easonville. Ruth and Hugh died with TB at the age of 14 or 15 years. They are buried at Argo Rock Church, and John is buried at Easonville. Eugene made his home with his Uncle Oscar and Lula Bradford in Athens, Alabama.



## **EUGENE BRADFORD**

After Eugene's father died, his step-mother was financially unable to care for Eugene, Ruth, and Hugh. All three were sent to an orphans home in Montgomery, Alabama. Ruth and Hugh passed away there with TB.

Eugene made friends with a girl in the orphans home who helped care for her sisters and brothers. After a time he left the home to live with his Uncle Oscar Bradford in Athens, Alabama.

Years later, by chance, he met the girl he had known in the orphans home. Eventually they were married, and now have two children.

Eugene holds a good position with the government, at Huntsville, Alabama.

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## **WILLIAM R. KEITH (BIG WILL)**

Big Will has lived on the farm all his life. He has farmed some. Since he was raised in the wagon and team days, he has done a lot of hauling jobs.

He married Vada Horsley, the daughter of Daniel Horsley of Argo. They had six children: Margaret, Geneva, Reuben, Sam, Judy, and Ray (Pete).

In 1955 Will and Vady moved away from the old Keith home to Clay, Alabama—after living many years on his daddy's old farm.

## **MARGARET KEITH**

Margaret was born about 1915. She worked for a while in Birmingham, and married Jerry Morrow of Birmingham.

While Jerry served in the Army, during World War II, Margaret worked as a clerk in a store. Jerry is now a route milkman with Southern Dairies in Birmingham, and their home is there.

## **GENEVA KEITH**

Geneva went to Atlanta, Georgia, in 1937, worked a while, then married Ernest Lewis Nelson of North Carolina. He then worked for a dairy, or creamery, in Atlanta. They moved to Ashville, North Carolina, several years back, where Ernest is a carpenter and painter now.

Their children are: Butch, Barbara Ann, Linda Sue, and Vickie.

## **REUBEN KEITH**

Reuben left the farm, and got a job with the Southern Railroad, as a flagman, about 1942. He served in the Army overseas, in France and Germany. When he was discharged from the service he continued to flag.

Reuben married Wanda McGloure, from Hanceville, Alabama. He bought the old Rich Keith farm in 1950, and lives there.

Their children are: Brenda, Joyce, Judy Gale, and Charlotte Lee.

### **SAM D. KEITH**

Sam married Louise Wright. He sorts the mail in the Southern Railroad Depot in Birmingham. His wife works in the office at the Veterans' Hospital in Birmingham. They live in Clay.

### **JUDY KEITH**

Judy went to nursing school. She married Jack Paresky, who was in the Navy during World War II. He is now a Sergeant in the Air Force, working in an office in Washington, D.C. He is making the Army a career.

They have one adopted child, Rebecca Jane.

### **EDWARD RAY KEITH (PETE)**

Ray, born about 1927, married Evelyn Wright, a sister to Sam's wife, Louise. He was a mechanic for Addressograph, and is an Addressograph salesman now. They live in Birmingham, and have three children: Sandra, Debbie, and a baby, born about the first of 1955.

### **HONOR KEITH**

Honor has made his home around Argo, farming all his life. He owned the old Jim Morgan home, or farm.

He married Grace Sellers, the daughter of Harrison Sellers, a farmer at Argo. They have eight children: Richard, Geraldine, Nannie Marie, Talmadge Lee, Jack, Jane, William Harrison, and Lowell. Honor passed away suddenly April 8, 1956.

### **RICHARD J. KEITH**

Richard was born in 1922. He left the farm early in life, and went to work with T.C.I. in Ensley, and continues to work there.

He married the daughter of Arnold Jennings of Chalkville, in 1941. He served in the Navy during World War II. They own a home on 68th Street in Birmingham, and attend the Methodist Church.

Their children are Becky, age 13, and Dickey.

### **GERALDINE KEITH**

Geraldine married Ray Applegate of Baltimore in 1945, at the age of 22. Ray served in the Army in World War II, is now a salesman, and is of the Catholic faith. They live in Baltimore, Maryland.

They have five children: Pat, Sandra, Mike, Clifton, and Myles.

## **NANNIE KEITH**

Nannie was born in 1926. She married Stacey A. Turner, the son of Comillis and Clytell Turner of Argo, in 1942. Stacey was 26 years old when they married. They lived at Argo until about 1952, and are now living at Green Cave Springs, Florida. Stacey was in the Army, and served overseas in Guam. He is now a carpenter.

There are five children: Judy and Janet (twins), Ruth, Kay, and Stacey, Jr.

## **TALMADGE L. KEITH**

Talmadge served in the Army in World War II, and in the Korean War. On his way back home, he died suddenly in Japan, a few days before sailing time. He is buried at Argo Rock Church.

## **JACK KEITH**

Jack, the fifth child, works at Hayes Aircraft in Birmingham, and is in the Naval Reserve. He attends the Presbyterian Church, and lives with his parents.

## **JANE, HARRISON, and LOWELL KEITH**

are going to high school in Trussville.

## **FRANCES ALICE (FANNIE) KEITH**

Fannie married a widower, Charlie Jolly, who was a brick layer. He owned a home in Woodlawn.

Incidentally, Charlie married Fannie Keith, Bill Abs Keith's daughter the first time. Charlie had four children by his first wife. They are Clemmie, Gladys, Sam, and Leatie.

## **CLEMMIE JOLLY**

Clemmie married Elmer O. Sturkie of Lafayette, Alabama. They lived in Birmingham for several years where he worked for the Guarantee Shoe Store. They live in the East now, and have two children: Margaret and Elizabeth.

## **MARGARET STURKIE**

Margaret married Carlton Brice Neugent of Birmingham. They have four children: Sandra Kay, Richard, Carolyn, and Samuel Fredrick.

## **ELIZABETH STURKIE**

Elizabeth married William Addington Burrow of Lineville, Alabama. They have four children: Billie, Dona Marie, Charles Allen, and Betty Annette.

## **GLADYS MARIE JOLLY**

Gladys married Henry Naff, the son of Sam Naff. Henry was a bookkeeper for the Standard Brand Company, in Birmingham, for a number of years. Gladys passed away in September, 1940, at the age of 38.

They have four children: Marion, Henry Frank, Jr., Edna Jane, and Charles Torrey.

## **MARION NAFF**

Marion married Jessie Earl Gwin of Bessemer. They have one child, Robert Jolly.

## **HENRY FRANK NAFF**

Henry married Jackie Roberts of Birmingham. They have one daughter, Leta Ruth.

## **EDNA JANE NAFF**

Edna married David Kimble Farr of Bristol, Virginia. They have two children: Debra Kimble, and David.

## **SAMUEL KELLOUGH JOLLY (SAM)**

Sam married Janie Epperson, the daughter of Sam Epperson of Birmingham. Their two children are Juanita Margie, and Samuel Kellough. Sam was shot and killed a few years after he married—about 1927, at the age of 25.

## **JUANITA JOLLY**

Juanita married James H. Jones of Charlotte, North Carolina. They have one son, Kirkley Barble.

## **SAMUEL KELLOUGH JOLLY, JR.**

Sam, Jr., married Jewel Bell of Atlanta, Georgia. They have one child, Margaret Cheryl. He had two years in the Army after he finished Georgia Tech. He is a Civil Engineer.

## **LETA LOUVINA JOLLY**

Leta married J. Howard Miller of Youngstown, Virginia, and soon separated. Then she married Robert Christian Sackhoff of Mobile, Alabama. They own a nice home on the South Side of Birmingham. Sackhoff is retired.

## **KATE KEITH**

Kate, the youngest child of Rich and Frances, married George Massey, the son of Bob Massey of Argo, Alabama, (one of the best molasses-making families in the country). George is a jack-of-all-trades. Soon after he married he worked at the Alms Home in Woodlawn for several years. He has worked in wood shops as a cabinet man, and in garages. For several years he lived and worked in Fairfield.

They had eight children: Frank, Harry, Sara Louise, Frances, Josephine, Burton, Ruth Ann, and George, Jr.

George and Kate separated in the early Forties. He went to Texas and married. Kate married Fred Faucet in September, 1952—a retired coal miner. They live with her daughter Frances, near the Fair Grounds.

## **FRANK MASSEY**

Frank was born in 1910. He married Louise McNair of Birmingham. They separated, and he married Mattie Shores of New York.

He worked in auto shops, and did welding for several years. He served in the Army during World War II. When Frank was discharged out of the Army, he went to work with the government, in Havre de Grace, Maryland.

They have two children: Sherry Jackson and Keith Shore.

## **HARRY MASSEY**

Harry married a girl (Mattie) from San Antonio, Texas. He works for the Navy in Corpus Christi, Texas. They have two children: Harry A., and Margie Lynn.

## **SARA LOUISE MASSEY**

Louise married John Jorik of Chicago. He is a Railway Express employee, and they live in Chicago. They have one boy, Massey Lee.

## **FRANCES MASSEY**

Frances married Other Lee of Cullman, Alabama. She had one of the most unusual weddings of the King relatives. She wrote her

plans to be married to the radio program "Bride and Groom," in California. They were invited out, and that is where they were married. When the announcer of the program asked them about the number of children they wanted, they said they wanted twins. . . their first babies were twins, David O., and Denise Catherine, born the first of 1955.

Other works for T.C.I., in Ensley, and they live west of the Birmingham Fair Grounds.

### **BURTON MASSEY**

Burton married Eva Adams of Fayette, Alabama. He served a hitch in the Army during World War II. They live in Meridian, Mississippi. He is a sales manager.

### **ELLA JOE (JOSEPHINE) MASSEY**

Ella Joe married Fred Kantsky of Chicago. Fred is a city policeman there. They have two children: Freddie and Karen.

### **RUTH ANN MASSEY**

She married Lou Opiliski of Chicago. They live on the South Side of Birmingham.

### **GEORGE MASSEY, JR.**

George was born about 1930, and is the youngest child of George and Kate Massey.

He married Deloris Bailey of Birmingham, and worked for the Alabama Power Company, Birmingham, until the middle of 1955. He quit there, and now has a country milk route. They have a home in Woodlawn.

They have two children: Eric Berton, and Stephen G., born the first of 1956.

## **NEXT WILL BE THE CHILDREN BY THE SECOND MARRIAGE OF RICHARD KEITH**

### **WESCO KEITH**

Wesco was born in 1893, and spent most of his life farming around Argo.

He gave the fair sex the run-around till he was a qualified old bachelor, then he married Mrs. Gertrude Channel, the daughter of Gus Melton, a farmer at Argo. Gertrude had one child, Lila Mae.

Wesco farmed a few years after he married, and then, about 1941, they moved to Denver, Colorado. Wesco and Gertrude are both working at a girl's college in Denver.

### **LILA MAE CHANNEL (KEITH)**

Lila Mae married, and they are living in Denver, Colorado.

### **CUBA KEITH**

Cuba, a typical blond, was born in 1895, in the good old days when the old folks did the plowing, and the children hoed the cotton, corn, and 'taters. Since the hoe handle made corns on Cuba's hands, she threw down the hoe early in life, and headed for the city and the bright lights. Cuba has been working in Birmingham ever since.

She has given the men the cold shoulder all these years, and never married—so, Cuba has stacked up enough birthdays to qualify as an old maid. She owns the old John Franklin farm at Argo, Alabama.

### **ESSIE DELL KEITH**

Essie was born in 1897, and married James Edward (Ed) Dispain, the son of Ben Dispain, a railroad section foreman at Argo, Alabama, on December 20, 1914. Ed followed his dad's footsteps, and has worked with the Southern Railroad (AGS) ever since a young lad. The Southern installed block signals back in the Twenties, so he got a job on a section of the signals to keep up. Ed is a maintenance man. He became 65 years old in 1955, and retired. They have lived at Argo for the last 30 years.

There are eight children: Margie, Harold, Evelyn, Mary Frances, Earl, Bill, Lucille, and Ann.

### **MARGIE DISPAIN**

Margie married Barney Crawford, the son of George Crawford. They live at Argo, and he works in Ensley at the steel plant.

They have four children: Jerry, Timmy, Barbara, and Charlene.

### **HAROLD DISPAIN**

Harold married Tressie Nell Crow, but they are separated. He is in the Navy.

### **EVELYN DISPAIN**

Evelyn married Emmett Proudfoot, but they are separated. They had one child, Emmett, Jr. Evelyn is a beautician, and works in Birmingham.

## MARY FRANCES DISPAIN

Mary Frances married Clyde Owens of Corinth Church Community. They live at Argo, and he is a welder at the Ensley steel plant. They have two children: Edna Faye and Mary Sue.

## EARL DISPAIN

Earl (who is still single) is a typist and bookkeeper in Birmingham. He lives with his parents at Argo.

## BILL DISPAIN

Bill married Clara Leopard of Argo, and is living on Signal Mountain, in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

## ANN DISPAIN

Ann married Tommy Liles, the son of Dan Liles of Argo. Tommy took up the same kind of work as his daddy, which is bricklaying. They live at Argo.

They have one child, Pamela Ann.

## MYRTLE KEITH

Myrtle, now 58 years old, is the youngest child of Rich and Sara Keith. She married Wesley Dunahoo, the son of Jeff Dunahoo of Greensport—near Ashville, Alabama. Wesley worked most of his life for the St. Clair County Road Department. He owned a farm, and did some farming on the side. Wesley passed away in 1949. Myrtle sold the farm, and has lived in Birmingham most of the time since.

They have three children: Charles Wesley, Loraine, and Wade.

## CHARLES W. DUNAHOO

Charles was born in 1917, and married Nell Creel. He is working with a construction company that contracts over a number of states. Their home is in Irondale, Alabama.

## LORAIN DUNAHOO

Loraine married Herbert Chandler, the son of Benson Chandler, a Southern Railroad section foreman at Irondale, Alabama. Herbert then worked with St. Clair County Road Building Department, and they lived in Ashville. They had one child, Ronald, who is 16 years old. Loraine and Herbert separated, and Loraine married J. W. Quinn. He is a hospital administrator in Orlando, Florida, and they live in the same town.



## WADE DUNAHOO

Wade was born in 1922, and married Helen June Muncher. They had one child, Cassandra Leverne, who is six years old. Wade was stripping coal by a high wall of rock and dirt about 1952. The wall fell in and Wade was caught in the cave-in and fatally injured.

## RICH KEITH'S FAMILY ATTENDED THE ARGO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, AND THAT IS THEIR BURIAL PLACE

## GEORGE CAPART KING

George, the eighth child of William King, was born in 1857, about one mile south of Springville, Alabama, on Highway 11.

He married Hattie Louvina McClendon, the daughter of Sam McClendon, a farmer. Hattie was a sister to James and Minnie McClendon, and a half sister to Bud Presley's wife Isabel.

He was married in the Argo Presbyterian Church, at the end of preaching service, in about 1882. Soon after they married he bought some land from his daddy, and built a house on it, and lived there till 1913. His wife inherited some land from her father's estate on Highway 11, and George built a house on it, and lived there till about 1926. He sold the old farm about 1915. His wife passed away in 1925, at the age of 55. He then made his home with his youngest daughter, Zera.

George was a very spry fellow all his life. He was able to knock about very well up to a few weeks before he passed away on April 9, 1942, at the age of 84 years and 10 months. George was the last of William King's children to pass away.

When it was customary to have preaching on Saturday morning before preaching day on Sunday, he would stop all farm work, and take the family to preaching at 11 o'clock. For many years he was appointed Sunday School superintendent. He hardly ever missed a funeral in the community. In his early days the neighbors and friends dug the grave, and the casket—better known as a coffin—was made in a neighbor's shop right after the person died. All work was done free, so there wasn't any expense to a funeral.

In August, 1936, George started out to Arkansas with his son-in-law and family to visit the Arkansas Kings, and be at a reunion on August 16, 1936. He became sick at a tourist camp the night before at Russelville, Arkansas (35 miles away), and didn't get to the reunion, or visit the Kings in Clarksville, Arkansas.

There were four children: Della, Elsie Mae, Russell Baxter, Zera and Vera (twins). Vera died at birth.

## DELLA KING

Della was born in 1887, near Happy Hollow Church (Mount Olive). She married Eugene Roddam, a widower of Center Point, Alabama, in 1925. Eugene was a farmer, a store man, a stock trader, and a property trader. His last home is near Huffman, on the highway. He passed away with cancer on January 22, 1943. Della continued to live in the home until 1955. She broke up housekeeping and is living with her daughter.

Eugene had two children, Joe and Earl, by his first marriage. Dorothy and Sam are Eugene and Della's children.

## JOE RODDAM

Shortly after Joe finished high school he became a Hill Store manager, and soon married Annie Mae Stansell, the daughter of J. B. Stansell, a Birmingham streetcar man. He ran a grocery store in Huffman a few years, then quit or sold out. He served a year or more in the Navy during World War II. After he was discharged, he soon owned and operated one of the best used car lots in the East side of Birmingham, on Highway 11 (East Lake Auto Sales). Joe also owns and operates a new filling station next to his used car lot, along with building houses and selling property. Joe has just moved into his new home, in Huffman, which has all the latest fixtures for a modern home. He is about 40 years old.

Their children are Barbara Jo (age 12) and Ronnie.

## EARL RODDAM

Earl finished high school, and was drafted into the Army. When he was discharged, he began carpenter and plumbing work. He boards in Birmingham.

## DOROTHY RODDAM

When Dorothy finished school she got a job with Vulcan Readers Service (magazine sales company) as a stenographer, in West End (Birmingham), for a few years. Dorothy's hobby was going places. She made a trip to California, to Colorado, and many other distant states.

She married Hubert A. Howard in the Huffman Church in June, 1950. He is a plumber, and works for Smitherman Plumbing Company in Birmingham. He served in the Army, and was in battle. They own a modern home in Crestwood, in Birmingham.

They have one daughter, Judy Marie, born in November, 1953.



THIS IS THE PICTURE OF GEORGE KING'S GIRLS AND BOY.  
DELLA - RUSSELL - ZERA - AND ELSIE.

August, 1956

### **SAM RODDAM**

Sam was named after his mother's grandpa, Samuel McClendon. He married Jenny Jean Puckett of Birmingham. Sam operates a grocery store next to his mother's home in Huffman.

They have two children, Jimmy and Mark Eugene.

### **ELSIE MAE KING**

Elsie was born in 1890, on a hill in the woods just north of Argo, Alabama. She got her schooling at Fairfield Schoolhouse (a small one room school). As the pupils in her day didn't get any report card, she doesn't know just what grade she finished. It's a known fact that she can read and write.

Elsie has seen more than 65 summers, and never married, so she has earned the title of being an old maid. She started to work in Birmingham, while a young girl, as a cashier in restaurants. She retired from work in 1955, and rooms in Homewood, near Birmingham, with Mrs. Minnie (Marcus) Farley.

## RUSSELL BAXTER KING

Russell was born in the Gay Nineties at Argo (not New York) in September, 1895. He was jerked up in the horse and buggy days—a few ox wagons were still in use. He was named after a preacher, Russell, although he did not become a preacher.

Russell married Orean Nancy Taylor, the daughter of Pank Taylor, a farmer at Argo. She was a sister to Earl Taylor. They were married by the justice of the peace (Bud Presley), December 16, 1917, at the bride's home. Soon after they were married, Russell was drafted into the Army (World War I) and trained at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. He was carried to Canada, England, France, Belgium, and was stationed 6 months in Germany after the fighting was over. He continued farming, when discharged, till 1924. At that time he left the farm, and began working on the street cars in Birmingham, as a motor-man (March 24, 1924), and has continued to work for the same Transit Company till the present.

Their two children are Shaffer Eucklus and Ray R. Russell's wife, Orean, passed away in April, 1926.

Russell then married Elva Jewel Townsend, the daughter of Will Townsend of near Alexander City, Alabama, a farmer.

There are two children by the second marriage: Betty Jane and Peggy Joyce (Trixie). Russell owns a home in West End in Birmingham.

Russell has in his possession an antique eight-day mantel clock (Seth Thomas) which was bought about 1870 by his Uncle Wiley King. The clock still keeps good time.

Russell and his family attended a King Reunion on August 16, 1936, which was held at a church and a schoolhouse known as Lone Pine, about 9 miles out of Clarksville. There was a bush arbor with a speaker's platform built behind the church, from which the crowd was entertained most of the day, with string music, singing, and a lot of speakers. About 800 relatives and some friends attended that reunion—several states were represented. Guy King and his wife took a leading part in making their 1936 reunion a great success.

Guy has made quite an effort, back in Anderson, South Carolina, to locate someone that has some history of Thomas King—Pioneer, who at one time lived in Anderson, or nearby county. His efforts are fruitless. Russell and family made a trip to Pendleton and Anderson, South Carolina, in search of a trace of Thomas King. They found a number of Kings, but no trace of Thomas.

History reveals that Russell is the only King who has a hobby shop. His hobbies are: some sketching, writing or printing books, and making whatnots, and a variety of wood novelties for children, and grown-ups. His novelty work will long be remembered by those who have seen it!



JULIE JANE JORDAN – BETTY JANE JORDAN – JIMMIE JORDAN, JR.  
February, 1948

## SHAFFER EUCKLUS KING

Shaffer was born in the hills of Argo, on August 7, 1922. He got his schooling in Birmingham. In April, 1940, he enlisted in the Navy for six years, at the age of 17. He was in the Morocco invasion, made several transport trips, and was in several battles with the Navy in the South Pacific.

During the war he married Betty Lewis of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1942. At the end of his enlistment he began working with the Gulf Refinery, in Philadelphia, and bought a home there. He quit the Gulf Company in 1953, and joined the Merchant Marines—he transports oil from different countries.

They have two children: Orean, born April, 1944; and Joe, born July, 1949.

## RAY R. KING

Ray was born March 9, 1926, and got his schooling in Birmingham. He enlisted in the Navy during the war, and served in the South Pacific.

When discharged, he began to work for Western Electric Company, installing new telephone equipment over Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, and Louisiana. Ray married Fradie McCannon, a farmer's daughter near Lexington, Georgia. He then began to work for General Motors in Atlanta, and bought a home there.

They have two boys: David, age 5; and Denny, age 2.

## BETTY JANE KING

Betty is 26 years old. She finished West End High School in 1946—after being in school for only ten years and four months. She took a commercial course.

When she finished school she worked for a while in the office at Birmingham-Southern College. She then married Jimmy Jordan (a student at Georgia Tech), the son of Jimmy Jordan of West End. They lived at Marietta, Georgia, till he finished college. He served two years in the Army, as a Lieutenant, near Baltimore, Maryland. The family lived in Edgewood, Maryland, while he was in service. He was a teacher and football coach at Dalton, Georgia, for a while. Jimmy is now working toward a Doctor of Philosophy degree at Emory University, in Atlanta, where they have bought a home.

They have two children: Julie Jayne, age 8; and Claire Suzanne (Susu), age 6.



**PEGGY JOYCE KING – JUST FINISHED SCHOOL  
1950**

**PEGGY JOYCE (TRIXIE) KING**

Peggy finished school at West End High, in 1950, where she took a commercial course. She soon went to work with an Insurance Company in Birmingham. In a year or so, she quit there, and is working in the office with American-Standard Plumbing Company, in the city. She lives with her parents.

## ZERA IRENE KING

Zera was born just before the beginning of the Twentieth Century. She also got her schooling at Fairfield Schoolhouse. In her schooling days the pupils didn't have a report card—so there wasn't any grading done. She is not certain what grade she finished. There is one thing certain: the schoolhouse got so old and beat up, it leaned over till it fell down, and that is when Zera didn't go to school anymore. She has in her possession a picture of the schoolhouse taken about 1902.

She took a music course from Mrs. Hugh Hall, one of the most outstanding music teachers. Zera was the organist at Argo Presbyterian Church for a number of years. She worked for a while in Birmingham, where the lights shine bright.

In 1920, she married George Hammock, the son of Jack Hammock, a farmer on Simmons Mountain near Springville, Alabama. George served about one year in World War I—part of the time in France. He left the farm while a lad, and worked in Birmingham as a streetcarman and a truck driver. He has been farming since 1932. George owns a farm, northeast of Argo, on Highway 11.

There are two children: George Farris; and Betty Lou, age 29.

## GEORGE F. HAMMOCK

George Farris was born in 1923. Soon after he finished school he was drafted into the Army, in World War II. He was in the first invasion in France against the German Army, and became a casualty within a few days. His body was returned to Argo Cemetery by the government.

## BETTY LOU HAMMOCK

Betty Lou was so determined not to be like her old maid Aunt Elsie, that she took the first chance to marry before she was sweet sixteen. She married Henry L. Hughes, of Brompton, Alabama, in 1942. He farmed a year or two, then moved to Birmingham, and began to work in North Birmingham. They own a home near the lake, in East Lake, on 84th Street.

They have two children: George Elwin, age 13; and Steven, age 1.

## A STATEMENT MADE BY GEORGE C. KING, IN 1938, OF OLDEN TIMES

"I was born May 29, 1857, one mile south of Springville, Alabama, on Highway 11. I walked—rain, shine, or freezing weather—for two or more miles to a one room log schoolhouse. There just wasn't any ride to school. I had only one to three books to study in school, and the pupils were not graded.



“Our swimming pool was a long deep hole in the creek in our pasture. . . a built swimming pool was not heard of then. Once in a while the neighbors would get together and have a big barbecue for all the community—free for all. There also would be a baseball game. The players didn’t have gloves to catch the ball—they just caught it with bare hands. Sometime there would be a wrestling match to add to the day’s attraction.

“We walked, or rode a mule or horse, or a wagon which sometimes was pulled by a yoke of steers to church. The church was usually built of logs, and didn’t have an organ or piano.

“About the time I was 12 or 14 years old, a railroad was built through my father’s farm—about 1870. The engines were fired with wood, and the water was put in the tanks along the railroad at creeks. Buggies were few and far apart, and the automobile just wasn’t heard of. I didn’t see an auto till I was fifty years old, or about 1906. The first airplane I saw was in 1917. Now, I will drop back several years.

“When I was a young lad, it was customary for a man to hitch his steers or horses to the wagon on Saturday, load up all the family in the wagon, go spend the night with a relative or friend, and stay till Sunday evening. Usually, there weren’t enough beds for all, so they would make a pallet on the floor for the kids to sleep on.

“It was also customary, up till about 1908, for some farmers to chop down the timber on an acre or two of land, and cut the trees in 10 or 12 foot lengths ready to be rolled or piled together so the logs could be burned, and they could cultivate the field. Then the farmer would invite the men neighbors to come to his house on a certain day and have a log rolling; that is, pile the logs in his new ground so he could burn the logs. And, of course, a big dinner was the main issue. It was a day of work, lots of good eating, and much laughter about someone’s corny jokes.

“Since everybody was a farmer, he had a barn—and rats were bad to eat the corn and hay. A farmer would invite his neighbor to come and bring all his boys to have a rat-killing. They would move the corn and hay around, and the rats would run out. When a rat would run out, one to a half dozen boys would begin to hit at the rat. When the rat-killing was over there were sometime about a half bushel of dead rats. (Unquote—enough rats for several rat pies.)

“Corn shucking was a fad among some farmers. He would gather his corn, pile it by his corn crib, and invite all of his neighbors to a corn shucking. The men would shuck all of his corn if it took all night. The women helped the wife to prepare a big supper, and later some coffee and teacakes for a snack. It was understood at a corn shucking that if a man shucked a red ear of corn he had the privilege to kiss any lady he wanted to at the shucking. And, of course, there were always some men at a shucking who told jokes which brought out laughs that could be heard away across the hollow.

"Back in my days the women spun their own thread at home out of wool or cotton. A few had a homemade loom which they made cloth on.

"The women made soap out of fireplace ashes. They placed them in a wood hopper in the yard, poured water on the ashes, and caught the water when it drained through the hopper. They put some meat skins in the lye water, boiled it, and made soap to wash clothes, dishes, and hands.

"And the women had a scheme of getting together to gossip. A lady now and then would have a quilting and invite all the women in the community to come. They had a big day dipping snuff, eating a big dinner, and of course a few jokes, and a great deal of gossiping.

"Those happy days are gone forever—my flaming youth is out—the things that used to be my joy are just about flickered out."

## WILEY KING

Wiley married Matilda McClendon, the daughter of Billy McClendon of Springville. Matilda is a sister to Sam McClendon of Argo. Wiley and Matilda had one son, Lonnie. Wiley owned a small farm near Springville, Alabama. He passed away with malaria fever in 1889.

Matilda then married Ben Reese of Remlap, Alabama. They lived at Remlap, but soon separated. She and Lonnie then lived at her farm for several years. She then left the farm and lived with Lonnie.

## LONNIE KING

Lonnie left the farm while a lad, and got a job with his cousins, Johnnie and Porter Presley, in their store at Springville, as a handy boy. He drove their peddling wagon to Birmingham to sell their butter and eggs, etc., and bring in supplies for the store.

Lonnie married an orphan girl, Willie Eaton, of near Springville. He got a job with an ice company in Birmingham, working in the office till about 1920. They lived in Pratt City till about 1921, and moved to Ensley Highlands. He then worked for a sand and cement company until he passed away with pneumonia, March, 1926, at the age of 38.

Willie soon broke up housekeeping, married a New York man and moved to New York. Lonnie's mother then stayed with her niece, Bertha Walker, at Springville until she passed away in 1934. After Willie moved to New York, she seemed to have just faded away.

## MARION PRICE KING

Price was born in 1861. He married Fannie Youngman, the daughter of Peter Youngman, a farmer of Argo. She was a sister to Charles

Youngman, a country store man at Argo till about 1940. Fannie's father lived in Germany until he was 12 years old. Price bought his father's old farm about 1890.

He holds the record of having the largest family of the Kings. He had 16 children. The last baby was born January, 1918, and died in a day or two. All the rest are living. Their names are Lela, Lurline, Joe Billie (Willie), Dolphus, Wiley, Bue W., Minnie Lee, Alice, Reuben, Otis, Bessie, Helen, Ray, Janie, and Lois. The old log house where Price King's 16 children were born is still in good living condition.

Fannie passed away in November, 1925, with blood poisoning. Price passed away in May, 1936. Price and Fannie attended the Presbyterian Church at Argo, and that is where they are buried.

### **LELA KING**

Lela was born in 1888. She married Price Sellers, the son of Harrison Sellers, a farmer of Argo. Price farmed a few years after they married, then he worked at the Alms Home on 50th Street in Woodlawn. Price's hobby, down on the farm, was cutting the farm boys' hair for free. He is the only known relative who can cut his own hair and do a perfect job. About 1922 he began barbering in Birmingham—hair cuts were 25 cents, and the present price is \$1.25.

Price owns his home in West End, and other property. His hobby is raising honey bees. Price and Lela attend the Beverly Methodist Church in West End.

Their children are Teddie, Jack, Carolyn, Martha, and Mary.

### **TEDDIE SELLERS (TED)**

Ted is 42 years old, and got his schooling in West End. He married Daisy Martin, the daughter of Walter Martin of West End in Birmingham. Ted ran a Hill's Food Store a few years before World War II. When the war broke out he began flagging on the L & N Railroad. His wife has been employed most all the years as a book-keeper. At present she is working at the South Highland Hospital in Birmingham. They own a home in West End.

There are three children: Marion, age 16; Martha Louise; and Charles.

### **JACK SELLERS**

Jack was schooled in West End. He was in partnership in the Hill Food Store with his brother Ted until the war started. Then he worked in an aircraft plant in Birmingham till the war was over. At that time he began to work with Braswell Furniture Company in North Birmingham.

Jack married Jewel B. New, the daughter of Lawson New of Tallapoosa, Georgia. Jewel works in the office with the same company that Jack works with. They own a home in Oakwood in West End.

Their two children are Jack McGee and Jewel Marie (Judy).

### **CAROLYN SELLERS**

Carolyn married James Lyons, who finished college at Auburn. He was a chemist at Sloss Furnace (now U.S. Pipe) by the First Avenue viaduct for several years. He was promoted to yardmaster. Their home is in West End.

They have two children: Jimmy (James) and Carol, age 3.

### **MARTHA SELLERS**

Martha married Robert (Bob) Wynn. He was a clerk for a large hardware store in Birmingham for several years, but quit, and opened a hardware store of his own in West End, where he is making a success. He owns a home in Ensley Highlands, and some other city property. They have two children, Bobby, age 6, and Joyce.

### **MARY CATHA SELLERS**

Mary married Bill Jeff. Bill is a commercial artist at Hayes Aircraft Corporation, Birmingham. They own a home in West End, and have one boy, Billy, age 8.

### **LURLINE KING**

Lurline married T. Carl Powell, the son of Green Powell of near Warrior, Alabama, about 1912.

Carl taught school for a number of years, but quit teaching and began bookkeeping for big stores and companies. About 1935, he moved into an office of his own. He was an expert when it came to fixing income tax returns.

They have three children: King, Annie, and Charles.

Carl passed away in September, 1951 with heart failure, at the age of 61.

They owned a home on the West Side of Birmingham, and Lurline continues to live there.

### **ANNIE POWELL**

Annie was born about 1914, and was schooled in Birmingham. She was a stenographer, and worked for several years in an office.

She married Jasper Hall of Greenville, South Carolina, in 1948. Jasper is employed by an undertaker in Greenville, South Carolina. They have one child, Dale, age 4.

## KING POWELL

King was born in 1919, and enlisted in the Army in 1938, and made a career of it. During World War II he was a radio mechanic. Shortly after the war ended, he married Vivian Studdard, of Ensley.

## CHARLES POWELL

Charles was born in 1922. He was called in the service during World War II, and was trained to be a gunner, and made several bombing trips against the enemy as an engineer gunner on B-24's in the South Pacific. He was wounded slightly in the eye on one trip by glass when his plane window was hit.

Shortly after being discharged he married Margaret Watkins of Panama City, Florida, and they own a home in the same town. He is a mechanic at the Tyndal Air Force Base, Panama City. They have two children: Tamblyn and Thomas Charles (Tommy).

## WILLIE KING (JOE BILLY)

Willie married a boy, Gordon Melton, who was in the same class at school with her at Fairfield School. He is the son of Jim Melton.

Gordon enlisted in the Army at the beginning of World War I, and was on the front lines facing the German Army in several battles, and was wounded. Soon after he was discharged, he started working at the Birmingham post office, and worked there until he retired about 1950.

They owned a home in East Lake till he retired, and then moved to Florida for a while, but now live in East Lake.

## DOLPHUS KING

Dolphus was born about 1893. While a lad he began working at Margaret Mines, digging coal (1916). He was drafted in the Army, and served about one year. While serving in France he was in battle.

After the war he continued to dig coal, and soon married Pearl Coleman, her father Thomas Coleman, was a coal miner at Margaret, Alabama. Dolphus did a little farming as well as mining until about 1935, when the Margaret mines were abandoned, and he bought a farm near Springville, on the road from Springville to Odenville, Alabama.

He has been raising cattle, farming and working with the Continental Gin Company in Birmingham for the last 15 years.

Their children are: Virginia Louise, George Clayton, Mary Alice, and Hugh Lamar.

## VIRGINIA LOUISE KING

Louise married the Rev. William E. Glidewell, a Baptist minister, of Margaret. At present they live at Cook Springs. Their three children are: Terry Paul, age 11; David; and Timothy.

## GEORGE CLAYTON KING

Clayton enlisted in the Navy during World War II, and was in battle. His ship got a blast of some sort, and he was thrown several feet in the air from his bunk one night, and was slightly wounded.

Soon after being discharged, he began to work for Birmingham Transit Company, on streetcars and buses. He quit the Transit Company, and got a job with Hayes Aircraft Corporation in Birmingham. In the meantime, he married Mrs. Billie Corbin of Birmingham, about 1948. They own a home in Irondale.

## MARY ALICE KING

Mary married Billy G. Alverson of Acmar, Alabama, and had one child, Larry.

They separated, and she then married Joe Shores. He works at a filling station, and Mary works with the Alabama Finance Company, and they live in Elyton Village housing project, Birmingham, Alabama.

## HUGH LAMAR KING

Hugh joined the Navy soon after he finished school at Springville. At the end of his enlistment he began working at Hayes Aircraft Corporation, as an instructor.

He married Betty Bangston of Jasper, Alabama.

## WILEY KING

Wiley was born in September, 1895. He was drafted in the Army during World War I, and served in France on the battlefield.

Shortly after being discharged, he started working on the Southern Railroad, with a block signal crew. He soon was promoted to a block signal maintenance man. He has had a section at Laurel, Mississippi for many years, and lives there.

He married Effie White, the daughter of Ben White, near Margaret, Alabama. She is a granddaughter of Harrison Sellers. They have two girls, Lila Mae and Barbara.

## LILA MAE KING

Lila Mae was schooled in Laurel, Mississippi, and married George W. Chancellor of Laurel. George served a two year draftee time in

the Army in 1953 and 1954, and works for Machine Foundry in Laurel now. They have one daughter, Billie Jean, born in 1955.

### **BARBARA JEAN KING**

Barbara married John A. Gatlin of Laurel, Mississippi. He was a draftee in the Army for two years, and is now working in Laurel for Norris Dispensers, Inc.

### **BUE W. KING**

Bue, the sixth child of Price King, was born in 1897. He was drafted into the Army near the end of World War I, and served part of the time in France. When he was discharged, he began to work on the Southern Railroad with a block signal crew. He was promoted to a maintainer, and now has a section in Tifton, Georgia.

Bue married Tessie Venable, the daughter of Will Venable of near Corinth Church at Argo, Alabama.

They have one set of twins, Billy and Betty; and Joe Earl. Joe Earl is home with his parents, and has just completed high school.

### **BETTY KING**

Betty married Clifton York. They have one child, Steven, and live in Panama City, Florida. Clifton works for Colonial Stores there.

### **BILLY KING**

When Billy finished school he enlisted in the service. At the end of his enlistment he began working for Colonial Stores in Tifton.

### **MINNIE LEE KING**

Minnie married a widower, James Y. West, the son of J. John West of Opelika, Alabama, in 1925. He had a boy, James, Jr.

James was an auto mechanic in Birmingham. He passed away in 1927. The boy then lived with a relative in Collinsville, Alabama.

Minnie married a widower, Marcus A. Farley, the son of John Farley of Bald Springs, Alabama, in about 1937. Marcus ran a mercantile business in Homewood, near Birmingham, for many years. Marcus passed away in 1954. Minnie continues to live in their home in Homewood.

Marcus had four children: Rosco E., Hubert W., Margaret, and Ida Mae.

### **ROSCO FARLEY**

Rosco married Edith Planton of Opelika. He is a butcher, and they live in Homewood.

They have one daughter, Mary Frances.

## HUBERT FARLEY

Hubert married Ruth Herring, the daughter of Robert Herring of Sand Mountain near Boas, Alabama. Hubert is a clerk in his father's store in Homewood.

They have three children: Susan Gail, Hubert, Jr., and one child who is dead.

## MARGARET FARLEY

Margaret married Lewis A. Parker of Birmingham. He is a drug store decorating salesman.

They live in Pratt City in Birmingham, and have one child, Joann.

## IDA MAE FARLEY

Ida Mae is a clerk in her father's store.

## ALICE KING

Alice married Lee Martin, the son of John B. Martin of Trussville, Alabama, about 1921. Lee has been in the dairy business near Trussville for about 35 years.

They have one girl, Vena Lee.

Alice and Lee separated about 1939. Alice works in a hotel in Miami, Florida, for several months a year.

## VENA LEE MARTIN

Vena Lee, born about 1925, married H. B. Pane in June, 1942. Pane is employed by American Bridge in Birmingham. They live in Trussville.

They have 5 children: Mary Alice, Age 12; John; Charles; Arther Lee; and a baby girl.

## REUBEN KING

Reuben was born about 1903. He was too young to be in World War I, and too old to be in World War II.

He became a barber very young, and barbered in Springville till about 1954. He has a shop in Trussville now.

Reuben married Ester Sellers, the daughter of Harrison Sellers of Argo, and a sister to Lela King's husband, Price Sellers.

Ester is a beautician, and has been in business with Reuben ever since they married at Springville. They own a home in Springville.

Their two children are: James and William Neil.



## **JAMES KING**

James went to Colorado Springs, Colorado to work. He married Margaret Menry there, but they separated. He now works for a construction company in Sterlin, Colorado, and is about 24 years old.

## **BESSIE KING**

Bessie married Albert Wright of Cullman, Alabama. Albert was a truck or tractor driver for several years. Then he began to work with Southern Bell Telephone Company. Their home is between Chalkville and Center Point—near Chalkville School.

Their children are Frances, Maurice, and James H. Two children are dead.

## **FRANCES WRIGHT**

Frances married Lawrence Allman, a Birmingham City Fireman. He served overseas with the Navy Seabees during World War II. They are living in East Lake.

Their two children are Janice and Wayne.

## **MAURICE WRIGHT**

Maurice married Mary Ellen Howard. They had one child, Allen, but are separated now.

Maurice works in the Southern Supply Building in Birmingham and lives with his parents.

## **JAMES WRIGHT**

James married Billie Jean Noles. He is a sheet metal worker in Birmingham, and they live in Center Point.

Their twin boys are named Larry and Garry.

## **OTIS KING (OLD MAN)**

Otis was born about 1905. He left the farm while a young lad, got a job with T.C.I., in Westfield, Alabama, and continues to work there.

He married Wilma Melton, the daughter of Gus Melton of Argo. Wilma passed away December 3, 1940. Otis then married Mrs. Tranny Melton—his first wife's brother's widow—in May 1941. They own a home in North Birmingham and other property in Argo.

Tranny has two boys: Reuben and Thomas.



PRICE KING'S FAMILY AT ARGOSY, ALABAMA RAILROAD FLAG STATION. ABOUT 1910.



PRICE KING'S CHILDREN-46 YEARS LATER. TAKEN AT CAMP COSBY, CLAY, ALABAMA. AUGUST, 1956.  
LELA, WILLIE, AND OTIS NOT PRESENT.

Front Row: LURLINE, MINNIE, ALICE, REUBEN.

Back Row: BESSIE, WILEY, BUE, JANIE, DOLPHUS, LOUIS, ROY, AND HELEN.

## REUBEN KING

Soon after he finished school he enlisted in the Navy for 6 years. At the end of his enlistment he married Carolyn Jones of Birmingham. Reuben works in the Leeds Post Office, and they live in Leeds.

## THOMAS KING

Thomas is in the Navy at Norfolk, Virginia.

## ROY KING (GOAT)

Roy is 48 years old. He remained with his parents till they passed away.

He married Dora Moore of Argo about 1936, but in two or three years they separated.

Roy was drafted in the Army during World War II and fought around the Suez Canal Zone, along the coast by Libya and Tunisia, into Tunis, across the Mediterranean Sea to Sicily, Sardinia, Corsica, then in the invasion of Italy, and the battle fronts in France. He was in some of the hottest battles of the war and came out without a scratch.

Soon after he was discharged from the Army he bought a farm near his father's farm. He then married Nova Lee Hunt of Cleveland, Alabama.

They have three children: Rodrick, age 5; William; and Edna Frances, age 2.

Roy is a farmer, a syrup maker, a carpenter, and a painter. He took two years' training in cabinet making, so he holds a first class cabinetman certificate. In fact, he is a jack-of-all-trades.

## HELEN KING

Helen was born about 1909, and married Clint Hicks, the son of Mack Hicks of Clay, Alabama. They own a home near Mount Calvary Church (Claytons-Cole). Clint has worked with construction companies, mostly on the roads.

They have three children: Jerry E., Frances Ann, and Marian Jean.

## JERRY E. HICKS

Jerry married Shirley Jones of Clay. He works for John Rogers Appliance Company as a radio and TV man. Shirley works for Southern Bell Telephone Company. They live in Woodlawn in Birmingham.

## LOIS KING

Lois married Erskin Vandike of Birmingham in February, 1943.

He is a bookkeeper for Hawkins Iron Works in Birmingham. They own a home in East Lake.

Their two children are: Joe William and Judy.

### **JANIE KING**

Janie, born about 1915, was the next to last baby born in Price King's family.

She married Walter Day, the son of Joshua Day, a farmer on the old Jim Krip Gleen farm at Argo. Walter owns a home on his father's old farm near the Argo Baptist Church.

They have six children: Jack, Patricia, Elizabeth Joe, Sue, Gary, and Sandra, age 3.

### **PATRICIA DAY**

Patricia married Wallace Roulain, the son of Reuben Roulain, near Argo. They live near Corinth Church. He works for a construction company in Gadsden, Alabama.

### **ALICE KING**

Alice, born about 1865, was the eleventh child of William King, and the youngest daughter.

She married Dr. Ben Clayton, the son of Dr. Berry Clayton, of Claytons-Cole. Ben was considered one of the best country doctors around. He practiced till his health failed him. In his days of practicing he walked, rode a horse, or in a buggy to see a patient.

Ben owned one of the best farms in the community.

Their children are Clifton, Clint, Ollie (deceased), Price, Hubert, and Margaret O'Brien (deceased).

Alice passed away about 1895. Ben then married Jim Alice King, the daughter of Thomas (Tom) King, and a niece to Ben's first wife, Alice.

Their children are: Mamie (deceased), Earl, B.L., Mary L., Ralph, and Talmadge (Tad).

### **DR. CLIFTON CLAYTON**

Clifton became a doctor early in life. Like his father, he, too, was one of the best medical and surgical doctors around. He was the company doctor at Acquire Coal Mines for several years.

About 1926 he moved to Leeds, Alabama, and opened a clinic which was very successful. He was always crowded with patients who came to him from far and near.

He married Myrtle McCallister of Birmingham, and they lived in Leeds. Their children are: Clifton, Jr.; Foster; Sara Alice; Horace; and Prince. Dr. Clayton passed away about 1949.

## **EDWARD CLIFTON CLAYTON, JR. (KICKIE)**

Clifton married Edna Mae Gould (incidentally, Edna was adopted by Dr. Clayton and his wife when she was a small girl). Clifton and Edna finished college.

He ran one of his father's farms until he passed away in 1940.

Their two children are Clifton and Edward. Edna is married again and lives in Georgia.

## **FOSTER CLAYTON**

Foster married Ann Dourrough of Leeds, Alabama. He farmed and did other work also. They're separated now.

Their two children are: Foster and a daughter.

## **SARA ALICE CLAYTON**

Sara married, had one child, and later got a divorce. She then married Albert Schlieder, a physician, of Buffalo, New York. Both Sara and Albert finished college. He was a major in the Army in Maryland. They live in Jackson, Mississippi, now.

Their three children are: Jackie, Jimmie, and Johnnie.

## **DR. HORACE CLAYTON**

Horace married Sue Neely of Moody Crossroad Community on the Leeds-Odenville road. She attended Howard College in Birmingham.

Horace attended Vanderbilt, University of Alabama, and Tulane. He followed his dad's and grand-dad's footsteps and became a doctor. He worked in a hospital in Birmingham a year or so. Now he is working at Pell City Hospital in the Clinic.

They had two children. Horace and Sue are separated.

## **PRINCE CLAYTON**

Prince married Gerry Brown of Overton, Alabama. They had one boy, Prince, age 6.

Both Prince and Gerry attended college. He was decorated for bravery in combat with the Third Marines on Bougainville.

Prince owned a farm on the Leeds and Odenville road and was dairy farming until he was killed in a motorcycle accident about 1954. His wife continues to run the cattle farm.

## **CLINT CLAYTON (Dentist)**

Clint, born about 1890, has been in the tooth filling and pulling business ever since he was a young lad. He has had an office in Birmingham all the time. At present he is in East Lake on 77th St. N.

He owns his father's old farm in Claytons-Cole, and lives there. Clint married Annie Cochran, and they have one child, Billy.

### **BILLY CLAYTON**

Billy married a girl from Tennessee, and lives on the farm with his father.

They have two children – a boy and a girl.

### **OLLIE CLAYTON**

Ollie passed away with TB in 1919 at the age of 29.

### **DR. PRICE CLAYTON**

Price also followed his father's footsteps and became a doctor. He has done all his practicing in Russellville, Alabama, where he is part owner of a clinic.

He married Ella Summerline of Birmingham. They have one child, Jack (adopted).

### **JACK CLAYTON**

Jack is married and going to medical school.

### **HUBERT CLAYTON**

Hubert married Katie Frazier, the daughter of Joe Frazier and a sister to Dolphus Frazier. Hubert farmed part time and worked in Birmingham some.

He was living on his father's farm when he passed away in August, 1949. His wife lives near the home where she was raised.

Their children are: Roy, Patsy Ann, Joe, James, and Betty Lou. Patsy works at the Baptist Missionary in Birmingham.

## **NEXT WILL BE THE CHILDREN OF THE SECOND MARRIAGE OF BEN CLAYTON**

### **EARL CLAYTON**

Earl farmed with his parents till about 20 years old. Then he turned his back on work and headed for the city and the bright lights.

He worked in the office with the Birmingham Streetcar Company for several years and quit about 1929. He is now living in Dallas, Texas, and doing office work.

Earl married Willene Neal of Birmingham. They have one boy, Billy, about 20 years old.

## MARY L. CLAYTON

Mary married A. R. Myers of Birmingham. They own a home at Clay, near the tourist cave. Myers works at the Brown Grocery Company in Birmingham.

They have one child, Mary Alice.

## MARY A. MYERS

Mary married Ray Bonner in 1954. Soon after they were married, Ray had to serve a hitch in the Army.

They have a baby, Linda Susan, and live with Mary's mother at Clay, Alabama.

## B. L. CLAYTON

B. L. was named after his father's initials. He married Louise Goodwin of Clay, Alabama. They lived at Trussville several years after the marriage. He was a gas meter reader for Birmingham Gas Company before 1938. They live in East Lake now.

Their two children are Bennie and Betty.

## RALPH CLAYTON

Ralph, about 44 years old now, continued to live with his mother on the farm till she left the farm.

He married Estelle Robinson of Birmingham. He works at Hayes Aircraft in Birmingham, and they live at Roebuck.

Ralph spent four years in the service—part of the time in Australia and New Guinea.

They have four boys: Ralph E., Jr.; David Allen; Joel Thomas; and Charles Roy.

## TALMADGE CLAYTON (TAD)

Tad, who is 39 years old now, served a hitch in the Army during World War II. He married Martha Wilson of Birmingham. They live near the tourist cavern at Clay Community, and Tad works at Lee Rogers Tire Company in Birmingham.

They have one girl, Carol Florence.

## ALFRED F. KING

Alfred, born December 10, 1866, was the youngest child of William King. He married Bessie Melton, daughter of Lewis Melton. Bessie was a sister to Jim Melton (Gordon Melton's father).

Alfred farmed for a few years after he married near Springville, Alabama. About 1890 he moved to Moody, Texas and farmed for



many years. Then he moved to Waco, Texas and worked in a granary.

Bessie passed away June 17, 1904, and is buried in the Old Perry Cemetery near Moody, Texas. In 1908 Alfred married Nellie McClendon, the daughter of Sam McClendon of Argo. Nellie was a sister to George King's wife, Hattie.

Alfred and Bessie had five children: Effie, Edna, Irene (deceased), Bert, and Joe.

Alfred passed away on January 23, 1938, and is buried in Rosemound Cemetery at Waco, Texas. Nellie continued to live at their home by herself until she passed away on March 5, 1953. She is buried in Rosemound Cemetery alongside Alfred.

### **EFFIE KING**

Effie was born near Springville, Alabama, November 15, 1888. She has never been back in Alabama since her father moved to Texas about 1890.

She married Chester Money of Moody, Texas and for several years they lived near Moody, later moving to Waco, Texas. Chester passed away November 11, 1944.

Their children are Clay and Bessie Dean.

### **CLAY MONEY**

Clay was born in February, 1907, at Moody, Texas. He married Lena Edna Thomas.

They had one child, Joan Carolyn, who is about 20 years old now.

Lena passed away in January, 1947. Clay then married Olga Louise West.

They have two children: Karan Ann, age 5; and Susan Bess, age 3.

Clay is in the insurance business in Houston.

### **BESSIE DEAN MONEY**

Bessie was born in May, 1909, at Moody, Texas. She married Ernest Kidd.

Their children are: Peggy Marie, about 30 years old; Windell Clayton; and Mary Frances.

Bessie and Ernest separated, and she later married Roy Ewing.

Their children are: Robert Eugene; Sheila Jane; and Leonard Greer, about 16 years old.

### **PEGGY MARIE KIDD**

Peggy was born in August, 1926, at Waco, Texas, and married Romar John Stanley.

## **WINDELL CLAYTON KIDD**

Windell was born in November, 1927, at Waco, Texas. He is married.

Their children are: Joy Lorain, born November 17, 1951; Brenda Gale; and Edward Ray, born April, 1955.

They live in Houston, Texas.

## **MARY FRANCES KIDD**

Mary Frances was born in January, 1929, at Waco, Texas. She married Boyd Rowland. Their children are: Judy Kay, age 8; and Peggy Fay, age 4.

## **EDNA KING**

Edna was born near Moody, Texas, February 22, 1892. She married Leonard Davis Pate, Sr., who was born May, 1874, at Carthage, Tennessee. He died July 25, 1935 at Tyler, Texas. Edna lives in Tyler, Texas.

Their three children are Hazel, Alfred, and Leonard Davis, Jr. (L. D.).

## **LEONARD DAVIS PATE, JR.**

Leonard was born August 10, 1910, at San Saba, Texas. He was in the service during World War II. He married Frances Nash. Leonard passed away on September 9, 1946, at Tyler, Texas.

Their children are: Barbara Ann; Suzette, age 20; and Ronald Davis, age 15.

## **BARBARA ANN PATE**

Barbara was born July 9, 1931, at Tyler, Texas. She married Lee Reynolds Carter who works for the Armour Packing Company at Fort Worth, Texas.

Their two children are: Caren Lee, born December 19, 1952, in Eastland, Texas; and William Pharis, born May 10, 1955, at Fort Worth, Texas.

## **ALFRED RICHARD PATE, SR.**

Alfred was born at Eddy, Texas, in December, 1911. He married Erie Lawson, and they live in Fort Worth, Texas.

They have three children: Alfred Richard, Jr.; Michael Lawson, age 15; and Penelope, age 14.

## **ALFRED RICHARD PATE, JR.**

Alfred was born on December 2, 1933, at Tyler, Texas. He is in the Armed Forces in Alaska. He married Sidney Delores Kent.

They have one child, Alfred Richard III, born March 2, 1955.

## **HAZEL IRENE PATE**

Hazel was born August 25, 1913, at Tyler, Texas. She married Robert Pharis Lack, who is manager of Sears at Abilene, Texas.

## **BERT KING**

Bert was born near Springville, Alabama, November 28, 1889. He married Gula Charlotte (Lottie) Edwards and for a number of years lived in Winters, Texas. They now live at Schertz, Texas, (near San Antonio).

Bert is a mechanic in the Hydraulics Department of Randolph Field near San Antonio, Texas.

Their children are: Bertie Sue, Winnie Joe, and Tenella Wyvonne.

## **BERTIE SUE KING**

Bertie Sue was born June 6, 1918. She married Harold Charles Schade, II, and they had one child, Harold Charles Schade, III, age 11.

They separated, and Bertie married Thomas Oswald Matthews. They have one child, Penni Susan Matthews, age 8.

## **WINNIE JOE KING**

Winnie, who is now 33 years old, married Joe A. Conway. They were separated.

She then married Henry Ralph Hyslop. They have three children: Dan Edward Conway (adopted in 1953), age 11; William Ralph Hyslop, born July 13, 1952; and Caredice Michelle Hyslop, born March 2, 1954.

## **TENELLA WYVONNE KING**

Tenella was born January 21, 1927. She married Henry Howard Harlan.

They have three children: Charlotte K., age 9; Debra Francisco, age 7; and Henry Howard, Jr., age 4.

## **IRENE KING**

Irene was born March 24, 1893, near Springville, Alabama. Soon after Irene finished school, she took nurse's training. When she finished her training, she visited the Argo, Alabama Kings.

Irene and Joe are the only ones of the Alfred King family who have visited the Kings around Argo.

While Irene was visiting the Argo relatives (1912) she got a nursing job in a Birmingham hospital. In a few days she was stricken with spinal meningitis and died March 20, 1913. Her father (Alfred) arrived a few hours before she died. She is buried in the Old Perry Cemetery near Moody, Texas, alongside her mother Bessie.

### **JOE JUDSON KING**

Joe, the youngest child of Alfred King, was born on July 15, 1901, near Moody, Texas.

He married Corinne Hulda Woods. They separated, and he married Edris Kennedy Sullivan.

Joe is a graduate in Engineering from the University of Texas and in Law from the South Texas School of Law. His activities since graduation from the University of Texas have been entirely in the oil and gas industry.

During World War II, he was an officer in the Office of Chief of Engineers, Washington, D. C., with the responsibility of military pipelines in all theaters of operation for the U. S. Army for liquid fuel handling.

He has occupied an executive position with his present Company for several years.

Joe lives in Houston. He has no children.

### **THIS IS ALL OF WILLIAM KING'S DESCENDANTS**

#### **- EXTRA INFORMATION -**

There has been a great deal of discussion about the relation between the Lawleys—the Wades—the Taylors—and the Kings. Now as you have read—William King married Sabret Lawley near Odenville, Alabama. Sabret was a sister to Bill Lawley (both have been dead for many years). Sabret's sister, Penina Lawley, married Jim Taylor. Jim and Penina Taylor's children were John Lewis, Davis, and Martha. Martha married John Wade, and some of their children are: Wiley, Perry, Sibbie, and Lula. Since Penina married Jim Taylor, that made them Uncle Jim and Aunt Penina to William King's boys and girls.

## BETTY KING

I will remind you that Betty (Betsy), born about 1815 near Springville, Alabama, is Pioneer Thomas King's daughter and William King's sister.

She married John Laster (a widower with eight children) near Bear Mountain, or Possum Trot Church, 3 miles northwest of Springville.

They had 7 children—two died at birth. The children who lived are: John, Jr., Jimmie P., Bell, Amanda, and Caroline.

John and Betty were buried at Bear Mountain Church Cemetery. Their graves were marked with only a slab of flat rock—no names were on the slab.

Since there are a number of graves marked with only a flat rock and some with no marker at all, the location of John's and Betty's graves would be only a guess.

Bear Mountain Church was built about 1870. It was used till about 1933—or until the old church was ready to fall down. There is a small new church near the old church grounds.

## JOHN LASTER, JR.

John married Mrs. Mary Frazier Truss. Their children are Emma, Malone, and James.

Mary passed away, and John married Lina Riggs, daughter of Henry Riggs.

Lina lost her eyesight and lived with her stepson, Malone, till she passed away, about 1940.

John, Jr., passed away in 1886.

## EMMA LASTER

Emma married Alvin Pierce, a farmer near Springville, Alabama. Their children are Clyde, William C., Ruby Nell, and Ila Mae.

Alvin passed away in 1915. Emma has been living with her youngest child, Ila, for many years. Emma is 85 years young and just about the oldest in this line of relatives.

## CLYDE PIERCE

Clyde is 63 years old. He began working in the Birmingham post office when about 23 years old and was promoted to better positions from time to time. He had to retire about 1954 because of his health.

A few years back he married Nola Williams of Birmingham. Nola works in the Social Security Building in Birmingham. Their home is in East Lake.

## WILLIAM C. PIERCE

William married Mae Nabors, the daughter of John Nabors, a coal miner near Margaret, Alabama. William was employed at the Red Diamond Coal Mines on Highway 78 just west of Leeds, Alabama, till he passed away in 1945.

They have two children: Billie Jean and Charles.

Mae is now married to a man named Spruell of Leeds. She teaches school in Leeds and lives there.

## BILLIE JEAN PIERCE

Billie married Bob Thomason of Leeds, who is a professional football player in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

They have one child, Jane, and live in Philadelphia.

## CHARLES PIERCE

This marriage has already been mentioned in Aubry Weems' family (Pat).

Charles spent two years in college and two years in military service during World War II.

He married Patricia (Pat) Weems, the daughter of Aubry Weems of Argo, Alabama.

Charles is a draftsman. They live in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and have one child, John William, born in April, 1955.

## RUBY NELL PIERCE

Ruby married Acie Collins near Clinton, Alabama. Acie passed away, and Ruby then married Bob Acerman.

Bob was a salesman for the Dr. Pepper Company in Birmingham for several years. He quit there and is now in the auto sales and insurance business in Birmingham.

Ruby began working for the Hamilton & Smith Real Estate and Insurance Company several years ago and continues there till the present.

They live on southside in Birmingham.

## ILA MAE PIERCE

Ila Mae, the youngest child of Emma Pierce, has done office work ever since she finished school. She worked for the Birmingham Electric Company till about 1948, then went with the Alabama Power Company as a clerk.

Ila is still single and will soon have enough birthdays stacked up to qualify as an old maid. She and her mother room together at Eleventh Avenue and Thirteenth Street South in Birmingham.

## **MALONE LASTER (LONE)**

Lone, who is about 80 years old, has lived on the farm all his life. He married Ila Inez Smith, the daughter of John Allen Smith, a farmer near Springville, Alabama. She was a sister to William (Bud) King's wife, Leona.

Malone owns one of the best farms on the Springville-Odenville Road.

He was the proud owner of a wheat, oat, and pea thrasher. He travelled all over the community with it and thrashed farmers' grain at their homes. The thrasher was pulled by horses and mules—of course, this was back in the horse and buggy days before 1914.

Malone and Ila Inez had six children: Leona Earline, Flora Dell, Alma Gladys, Margaret Estell, Earl Bryan, and John Smith.

Ila Inez passed away in 1940. About 1946 Malone married Mrs. Della Hawkins near Springville.

Malone's age and health caused him to quit work in 1953. One of his sons-in-law moved into his home and took over the farm work.

## **EARLINE LASTER**

Earline married Cleveland E. Parks, the son of Bud Parks near Springville, Alabama. Cleveland farmed and taught school several years after they married. He quit teaching and got a job with the Liberty National Life Insurance Company in Birmingham as a door-to-door insurance salesman. From time to time he was promoted to better positions.

In 1954 when he retired from the Insurance Company, he moved in with his father-in-law (Malone Laster) and does a little farming.

There are 10 children: Edward C., James C., Floretta, Anne Elizabeth (deceased 1924), William Malone (deceased 1925), Inez, Herman, Mary Frances, Linda Sue, and Thomas Allen.

## **EDWARD C. PARKS**

Edward, born August 6, 1913, married Edna Roberts, the daughter of Joe Roberts of Birmingham. He worked for several years with the Liberty National Life Insurance Company in Birmingham.

Edward and Edna separated, and he married Geraldine Griffith in 1949. He has been with Republic Steel in the office for several years now.

They live in Gardendale, Alabama, and have one child, Linda Gayle.

## **JAMES L. PARKS**

James is 41 years old. He married Ruby Creel in 1940, and works at the Republic Steel By-Product Plant.

They have three children: Joyce Elaine, James Walter, and Owen Boyd.

### **FLORETTA PARKS**

Floretta was born in 1918 and married Ross Martin, Jr., in 1946. They live in Los Angeles, California, where Ross is manager of Pife Soil Plant.

They have one child, Ross III.

### **WILLIAM MALONE PARKS**

William Malone was born in August, 1921, and died in May, 1925.

### **ANNE ELIZABETH PARKS**

Anne Elizabeth was born November 27, 1923, she died in November, 1924.

### **INEZ PARKS**

Inez, who is now 30 years old, married Earney Lee Drake in March, 1942. He is a salesman for General Motors at Big Stone Gap, Virginia.

They have four children: Ronald Glenn, Dennis Allen, Terrence Lee, and Cynthia Anne.

### **HERMAN PARKS**

Herman married Edie Beelard Doss in 1946 at the age of 18. He lives in Gardendale near Birmingham, and works for Molton-Allen-Williams Real Estate Company in Birmingham.

They have three children: Janet Sue, Judy Ann, and Karen Joy.

### **MARY FRANCES PARKS**

Mary Frances, who is now 25 years old, married Donald Roy Haynes in 1952. They live in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he works for Westinghouse.

They have two children: Kenton L. (deceased), and Donna Lynne.

### **LINDA SUE PARKS**

Linda married Edward G. Booker in 1952 at the age of 18. Edward works at Hayes Aircraft in Birmingham.

They have one child, Edward G., Jr.



## **THOMAS ALLEN PARKS**

Thomas, the youngest child of Cleveland Parks, was born April 14, 1937. He married Geneva Deason in 1954. He works for an interior decorating company in Birmingham.

## **FLORA DELL LASTER**

Flora, who is now about 58 years old, married a Mr. Colvin. They had one boy, Robert.

They separated, and she married R. W. Souder, who then worked in a navy yard in New Jersey. They live in Washington, D. C.

There are five children: Betty, age 29; Billy; Margaret; Beverly; and Donna Ruth, age 17.

## **ROBERT COLVIN**

Robert lives in New York with his wife, Helen. He has one child, Kenneth, by his first wife.

## **BETTY SOUDER**

Betty married Bill Spittle, an electrician. They live in Brentwood, Maryland.

Their five children are: Chuck, Margaret, Carol, Stevie, and Tommy.

## **BILLY SOUDER**

Billy and his wife, Lucille, live at Silver Springs, Maryland. He is an electrician.

They are expecting their first child in September.

## **MARGARET SOUDER**

Margaret married Lou Machilla, a doctor. She works in a hospital. They live in Maryland and have no children.

## **BEVERLY SOUDER**

Beverly married Jack Davis. He attends the University of Maryland and plays football there.

They have one child, Debbie, about four years old.

## **DONNA RUTH SOUDER**

Donna Ruth, who is 17 years old, lives at home and is going to high school (in Maryland).

## MARGARET LASTER

Margaret married E. Carl Lowery of Florida. He is a butcher and worked in Birmingham. At that time Margaret worked in the office with the Birmingham Electric Company. They were separated.

Margaret then married T. C. Stewart. He has been with the Stewart Machine Shop in Birmingham for many years and has been a shop superintendent for a long time. They own a home in Norwood.

Their two children are Judy, age 7, and a new baby.

## ALMA GLADYS LASTER

Alma married Lemuel Taylor, the son of Andrew Taylor. Lemuel worked for a few years in the Simmons Auto Garage Company in Springville, Alabama, but quit and has been working at the Leeds Cement Plant for several years. They live in Leeds, Alabama.

## JOHN SMITH LASTER

John, who is 52 years old, married Rachel Vineyard, the daughter of Cliff Vineyard of near Springville. He has been working for the Red Diamond Coal Mine Company on the Birmingham-Leeds Highway for a long while.

They have two children, John Smith, Jr., and Charlotte.

John and Rachel separated, and he married Mrs. Betty McGlothan of Leeds, Alabama.

John Smith, Jr., works for the Southern Bell Telephone Company in Birmingham. Charlotte is 18 years old and goes to school.

## EARL B. LASTER

Earl, the baby in Malone's family, continued to farm with his daddy for several years.

He married Ernestine Moore of Moody's Crossroads on the Leeds-Odenville Road. He works in Leeds at the Leeds Iron Works.

They live in the Moody's Crossroads Community and have two children, Linda and Carol Sue.

## JAMES LASTER

James, the youngest child of John Laster, Jr., married Nancy Stovall, the daughter of Drewey Stovall near Odenville, Alabama. She is a sister to Rev. James and John Stovall.

There are ten children: Coy, Russell, Hugh Wince, Tom, Hayden, J. B., Cora, Mamie, Emma Lee, and Adeline.

## **COY LASTER**

Coy married Annie Grant. He worked in Washington, D.C., for the government for 30 years and has recently retired. They have lived in Washington all the while. He sells insurance on the side.

They have two children: Hester Mae and Jimmy.

In 1941 Coy married Madeline Schaefer, the daughter of Louis Schaefer of Westwood, New Jersey.

## **HESTER MAE LASTER**

Hester married Frank Love. They have one child, Frank Allen, and live in Washington, D.C.

## **JIMMY LASTER**

Jimmy married Murle Lawson of Washington, D.C. They have two children, Donnie and Jimmy, and live in Washington.

## **RUSSELL LASTER**

Russell married Anna Sparks and farmed a few years near Irondale, Alabama. He has been working at the new Norris Railroad Yard near Irondale (Southern Railroad) for several years now. They live near the shop on the old Trussville Highway.

They have one child, W. R., Jr.

## **W. R. LASTER, JR.**

W. R. is a veterinarian, and married Elizabeth Screws of South Alabama.

## **HUGH WINCE LASTER**

Hugh married Josephine Moore. He worked for T.C.I. in Westfield for a long time but retired recently because of his health. They live in Fairfield, Alabama.

Their two children are Emma Jean and Charlotte.

## **EMMA JEAN LASTER**

Emma Jean married Powell Vance. They have one child, Jack.

## **TOM L. LASTER**

Tom married Velma Palmer. He ran a coal yard in East Lake for several years. Now he runs a cleaning plant in Irondale.

They live in East Lake and have two children: Evelyn and Ruby Nell.

## **EVELYN LASTER**

Evelyn married Ed Finch. They have two children: Jeanette and Martha Joe.

## **RUBY NELL LASTER**

Ruby is a nurse and works in Vanderbilt Hospital (Physical Therapy Department) in Nashville, Tennessee. She lives in Nashville.

## **REV. JAMES HAYDEN LASTER**

Hayden married Willie Nell Harold of Aberdeen, Maryland. They lived in Maryland for several years. He got his degree at Maryville College in Maryville, Tennessee. Hayden is pastor of a Presbyterian Church in Herriman, Tennessee.

They have two children: James and Harold.

## **J. B. LASTER**

J. B. was a professional singer in New York for a number of years. History shows he is the only member in this family tree book who is a singer.

J. B. married Julia Frazier of Arkansas. They moved to Wichita, Kansas, where he works in an airplane factory.

## **CORA LASTER**

Cora was born back in the horse and buggy days about 1893. She married Earl Rutherford, who has worked at the T.C.I. steel mill in Ensley for over 30 years. He will soon reach retirement age.

They lived several years between Fairview and Fairfield. Now they own a home in the south side of West End in Birmingham.

They have no children.

## **MAMIE LASTER**

Mamie married Chester McClendon, the son of Charles Wesley McClendon (better known as Billy McClendon). Chester is a brother to Olin McClendon near Springville, Alabama.

Chester farmed some in his early days—he was a blacksmith by trade. He worked in Mark Pearson's shop (back in the horse-shoeing days) till about 1920. Farmers would come from far and near to get Chester to shoe their horses and mules—he was an expert at the job.

When the farmers began using tractors to do their farming, the horses and mules just faded away—and so Chester's job faded away. He moved to Irondale, Alabama about 1925 and got a job in the blacksmith shop at the Harris Transfer Company in Birmingham.

Their children are Claude Morris, James Wood, and Elizabeth. Chester passed away in February, 1943, and Mamie continues to live at Irondale.

### **CLAUDE M. McCLENDON**

Claude married Dorothy Staton, the daughter of Bob Staton. Claude is an engineer with the state highway department. They have one child, Dan, and live in Irondale.

### **JAMES W. McCLENDON**

James took up music at an early age. He taught music in Charlotte, North Carolina for several years, then married Isabell Shoop. They live in Texas, and James teaches music there.

They have three children: J. Woodie, Grant, and Mamie Isabell.

### **ELIZABETH McCLENDON**

Elizabeth married Herbert Smith, who works for the Telephone Company in Birmingham.

They have two children: Donna and Allen. They live in Homewood in Birmingham.

### **EMMA LEE LASTER**

Emma married Walter Speagle, a retired rural mail carrier. They live in Hartselle, Alabama.

### **ADELINE LASTER**

Adeline married N. C. Hendrix, who works for a dry cleaning company. Adeline is superintendent of the Irondale Branch Post Office. They have one child, Nancy.

### **JIMMIE P. LASTER**

Jimmie, the second child of Betty King Laster, was born February 13, 1851 and lived till April 24, 1935. He was born near Bear Mountain Church and lived there all his life.

He married Permelia Ann Hendon, the daughter of James Hendon near Springville, Alabama. Jimmie owned a farm and farmed all his life. Permelia passed away in 1909 at the age of 50.

They had 5 girls and 4 boys: Thomas, Ida, John, Evie, Lee, Laura, Bessie, Icy, and Minett.

## **THOMAS LASTER**

Thomas was born in November, 1872. He married Hattie McQuatters. They moved to Texas many years back, lived there several years, then moved to Phoenix, Arizona.

Their children are Juanita and Tom.

Hattie passed away in 1905 at the age of 31. Thomas's second wife passed away in March, 1950.

## **JUANITA LASTER**

Juanita is 46 years old. In 1930 she married Vernon Boyd of Arizona. They have three children: Charles, Beverly, and David.

## **CHARLES BOYD**

Charles married in August, 1955 in Arizona.

## **BEVERLY BOYD**

Beverly married Ben Green in December, 1954.

## **DAVID BOYD**

David married in 1940 at El Paso, Texas

## **THOMAS L. LASTER, JR.**

Tom was born in Hubbard City, Texas, on September 9, 1913. He is married and has three children: Jim, age 21; and twins—Janis and Janett, born in November, 1948.

## **IDA LASTER**

Ida married Ruff Little. A short time later they moved to Texas. Ruff soon passed away.

They have four children: Tommie, Joe, Sue, and Buster.

## **BUSTER LITTLE**

Buster married in Texas—his wife's name is Catherine.

They had one child, Joan. Buster passed away several years back.

## **JOE LITTLE**

Joe married (his wife's name is Hazel), and they have two children, Jim and Corky.

Joe was farming near Oneonta in 1938, but later moved to Texas.

## **SUE LITTLE**

Sue married a man named Ringfeller of Tuscaloosa, Alabama. She married a second time and lives in Texas.

## **TOMMIE LITTLE**

Tommie married Homer Scarbrough of El Paso, Texas. They have two children: Evelyn, and Ruby (deceased).

## **JOHN LASTER**

John was born about 1876. He farmed and worked at odd jobs till he got his arm hung in a cotton gin at Springville. Most of the flesh was stripped off his arm, and he had to have the arm amputated.

He then became a school teacher and taught till he passed away in the Forties.

John married Jessie Terry, the daughter of John Dean Terry near Springville, Alabama. She was a sister to Tom Terry of Springville.

John and Jessie had two children: John, Jr., and J. P.

Jessie passed away, and one of the boys is dead. The other one, J. P. (who is about 39 years old) lives with his Aunt Laura Simmons at Springville.

## **EVIE LASTER**

Evie married Jim Chandler, the son of Billy Chandler, a farmer near Springville. Jim died many years back. Evie ran a lunch stand or store in the front of her home near Mark Pearson's Shop in Springville for several years.

They have two boys, Paul Roston and Stenson. Evie continued to live in her home till she passed away on February 24, 1956, at the age of 75.

She had in her possession a tintype picture of her grandmother (Betty King Laster).

## **PAUL ROSTON CHANDLER**

Paul married Jennie Lou McCrory, the daughter of Vester McCrory, a farmer of Ashville, Argo, and Alton, Alabama. She was a sister to Lewis McCrory, a dairyman near Clay, Alabama.

Paul drove a gasoline truck out of Odenville until he accidentally shot off part of his foot.

They own a farm near St. Clair Sulphur Springs on the old Gadsden Highway. He is in the cattle raising business.

Their two children are Paul D. and Jerry (adopted).

## **PAUL DENNIS CHANDLER**

Paul, who is about 30 years old now, is married and lives in Norfolk, Virginia. He is a pressman for the *Norfolk News*.

He joined the Army at the age of 14 and served in action on several fronts. He was wounded once, in the knee, by machine gun fire. They have two girls: Sandra and Judy.

### **JERRY CHANDLER**

Jerry enlisted in the Air Force at an early age. He was stationed in Germany, met a German girl, Atti Gruel, and married her. He is making a career in the Air Force and is stationed at Albuquerque, New Mexico.

### **STENSON CHANDLER**

Stenson married Laura Davis near Ashville, Alabama. They have two children: Jimmie and Billy.

Stenson drove a Pan-Am gasoline truck out of Odenville, Alabama, and lived in Springville. He died about 1950.

### **JIMMIE CHANDLER**

Jimmie married Joyce Norton. They live in Springville.

### **BILLY CHANDLER**

Billy is in the Army overseas (1955).

### **LEE LASTER**

Lee turned his back on the farm early in life and made a druggist out of himself. About 1915 he started in business as a druggist at Springville, Alabama.

Just about the time he could qualify as a bachelor, he married Otis Simmons, the daughter of W. K. Simmons of near Springville. They had one child who died in infancy.

Lee passed away in May, 1940. Otis continues to run the store and lives in Springville.

### **LAURA SIMMONS**

Laura married W. Pank Simmons, the son of Beauregard (Bouie) Simmons of Springville. They have owned a home and lived in Springville most all their married life.

Pank has been in the auto sales and garage business ever since the horse and buggy days faded away. He owns and runs a big saw-mill and planer at Springville. He also owns and manages a large general merchandise store. In fact, Pank has furnished jobs for many people in and around Springville.

Their two children are: Eva Mae and Frances.



## **EVA MAE SIMMONS**

Eva married John J. Walker, the son of John Walker, a well-known resident of Springville. John is general manager of the Simmons Lumber Company. Eva Mae is bookkeeper for the Simmons Auto Sales. They have a home in Springville, Alabama.

Their two children are: Ann and James, Jr.

## **FRANCES SIMMONS**

Frances married F. G. Windham of Dothan, Alabama, in January, 1940. He is a building contractor and works part of the time in the Simmons' store at Springville. They own a home in Springville.

Their two children are: Rodney and Janice.

## **BESSIE LASTER**

Bessie was born about 1889. She married Tom P. Posey, the son of Green Berry Posey of Rinlap, Alabama.

Tom began to work in the Frisco Railroad Shop while a young man. He continued to work there till about 1952 when he became 65 years old and retired. They own a home at First Avenue South and Seventy-third Street in East Lake.

They have four children: Jimmie, J. B., Eleanor, and Hershel.

## **JIMMIE POSEY**

Jimmie, who is 42 years old, married Margaret Mehl, the daughter of Pete Mehl. He worked for several years with the Frisco Railroad Shop in Birmingham. He quit there and is working now for the government as a machinist in the ordnance plant at Huntsville, Alabama. His wife is a bookkeeper in a store in Ensley, Alabama. They own a home in Sandusky, just west of Pratt City in Birmingham.

They have two children: Jimmie, Jr., age 18; and Ann.

## **J. B. POSEY**

J. B. spent several years in the Navy. At the end of his enlistment he married Martha Arnold of East Lake (Birmingham).

He is a fireman and part time engineer on the Southern Railroad. They own a home in Roebuck Plaza in Birmingham.

## **ELEANOR ANN POSEY**

Eleanor married Grady Hall of Birmingham. They live in Indianapolis, Indiana, where he is traffic manager for the Eastern Airlines.

They have two children: Judy and Graden.

## **HERSHEL POSEY** (no information)

### **ICY LASTER**

Icy married Jake Taylor, the son of John Lewis Taylor, a farmer in Clayton's Cole Community near Mount Calvary Church. They have made their home in Birmingham ever since they married.

Their three children are: Inez, Anna, and Jake, Jr.

Jake passed away about 1953, and Icy continues to live in Central City Housing Project in Birmingham.

### **INEZ TAYLOR**

Inez married Leanord Ogle, the son of William Ogle of Birmingham. They own a home on 68th Street, East Lake (Birmingham). He is a building superintendent for Alabama Power Company, and Inez works for American Life Insurance Company.

They have one child, Leanord Allen, age 18.

### **ANNA TAYLOR**

Anna married Richard Gaither of Birmingham. He is owner and manager of a Pure Oil Service Station on First Avenue and 68th Street North in Birmingham. Anna works for Debtors Court in Birmingham. They own a home in Roebuck Heights.

They have one child, Joan.

### **JAKE TAYLOR, JR.**

Jake married Virginia Johnson of Birmingham. He works for Southern Bell Telephone Company in Montevallo, Alabama, and they live in the same town.

They have four boys: Jimmy, Johnny, Billy, and Tommy.

### **MINETT LASTER**

Minett was the last of the Jimmy Laster family, but not the least. He was born in 1893 in the horse and buggy days, in the shadow of Bear Mountain Church (well-known as Possum Trot Church), about 4 miles west of Springville, Alabama.

Soon after he finished school he turned his back on the plow, the hoe, the cotton and pea-picking jobs. He headed for the city and the bright lights to get that easy job and a big pay check.

He served a hitch in the Army during World War I—part of the time overseas.

Soon after the war he was bitten by a love bug and married Wilma Beason, the daughter of Byers Beason, a farmer near Ashville, Alabama.

They have been blessed with seven girls: Kathryn, Wanda Lee, Mytiline, Maurine, Ramsey Joe, Betty Jane, and Margaret.

Minett owns a home on the Airport road to Tarrant, Alabama. He drove a truck for the Ne-Hi Bottling Company for several years. He quit truck driving and began to work for the State Highway Department issuing parts at the supply building near Ketona, Alabama.

Minett and family are active members in the Baptist Church in Tarrant, near Birmingham.

### **KATHRYN LASTER**

Kathryn married Lewis W. Nugent in 1940. He has been working for the Bell Telephone Company in Birmingham for several years.

They have two children: Becky and Cathy.

### **WANDA LEE LASTER**

Wanda works for Hayes Aircraft in the office as a stenographer. She lives with her parents.

### **MYTILINE LASTER**

Mytiline is working at Sears Roebuck in Birmingham. She lives with her parents.

### **MAURINE LASTER**

Maurine married Erwin Godwin of Birmingham in 1946. He works in the Engineering Department with the National Cast Iron & Pipe Company. She works in the office at Stockham Pipe Company in East Birmingham.

They have one child, Randal, and live near Tarrant.

### **RAMSEY JOE LASTER**

Ramsey married Marvin Harless of Birmingham in 1949. He works for the Alabama Gas Company in Birmingham, where they live.

They have two children: Suzan and Norman.

### **BETTY JANE LASTER**

Betty married Jack Morrow, the son of David Morrow of West End in Birmingham, in May, 1955. He works for State Farm Insurance Company. Betty continued to work for Borders Machine Company in Birmingham after they married.

Jack served a hitch in the Army—part of the time in Germany. They live on the south side of Birmingham.

### **MARGARET LASTER**

Margaret was born in March, 1933. She has been a court clerk for Judge Ralph Parker's office for several years. She lives with her parents.

## IT SO HAPPENS THAT THERE ARE MANY RED-HEADED BOYS AND GIRLS IN THE LASTER FAMILIES.

### - EXTRA INFORMATION -

As to the relation between the Taylors, Lasters, and Kings—William King's wife's (Sabret) sister, Penina Lawley Taylor, was Jake Taylor's grandmother. Now John and Betty King Laster were Icy Laster's grandparents.

### BELL LASTER

Bell was born about 1848. She married Joseph Cain (Joe) who was born June 5, 1850. He died March 16, 1899. Bell died October 12, 1929.

They had three children: Almos, Viola, and M. P.

Almos was born June 30, 1875, and remained single. He died February 25, 1916.

M. P. was born February 2, 1880 and died October 12, 1903.

Their burial place is Bear Mountain Church Cemetery, near Springville, Alabama.

### VIOLA CAIN

Viola was born in 1884. She married a man named Veasley, of Birmingham. She inherited her brother Almos's home at 5th Avenue and 52nd Street, South Birmingham. Veasley passed away in 1950. Viola continues to live in the same home.

She worked in the Drennen's Store downtown for many years. She quit work a few years back. Viola lives in one side of her house and rents out the other side.

### AMANDA LASTER

Amanda married a Baptist preacher and lived on Blount Mountain. They had no children. Both of them passed away before the Twentieth Century.

### CAROLINE LASTER

Caroline married a man named McBrayer, near Springville about 1878, and soon moved to Texas.

They had eight children.

All the family has passed away except one or two of the children.

## THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS AN ADDED ATTRACTION

TOM AND MOLLY KING'S family consist of

7 children  
4 daughters-in-law  
3 sons-in-law  
36 grandchildren  
81 great-grandchildren  
59 great-great-grandchildren  
190 descendants of Tom and Molly King

MARION PRICE AND FANNIE KING'S family consist of

16 children  
10 sons-in-law  
8 daughters-in-law  
44 grandchildren  
34 great-grandchildren  
112 descendants of Marion Price and Fannie King

RICH AND FRANCES KEITH'S family consist of

10 children  
7 sons-in-law  
3 daughters-in-law  
45 grandchildren  
61 great-grandchildren  
16 great-great-grandchildren  
142 descendants of Rich and Frances Keith

### WILLIAM KING'S FAMILY

260 weddings and 750 relatives consisting of children, sons- and daughters-in-law, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, and great-great-great-grandchildren.

### BETTY KING LASTER'S FAMILY

106 weddings and 265 relatives consisting of children, sons- and daughters-in-law, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, and great-great-great-grandchildren.

William King weddings . . . . .	260
Betty King Laster weddings . . . . .	<u>106</u>
	366 total weddings

William King relatives . . . . .	750
Betty King Laster relatives . . . . .	<u>265</u>
	1,015 total relatives accumulated from 1836 to 1956 (120 years) for brother and sister.

## THE 1931 KING REUNION

The following are the names of those who attended the first King Reunion, fifth Sunday of August, 1931.

Jim King	Gordon Melton	Vade King
Nannie King	Willie Melton	Margie Keith
Ed King	Minnie Lee West	Three boys
Mrs. Ed King	Jean Roddam	(sons of Will Keith)
Toxie King	Della Roddam	Alice Martin
George King	Joe Roddam	Vinie Lee Martin
Price King	Earl Roddam	Rafford Hathcock
Reuben King	Dorothy Roddam	Sibbie Wade Hathcock
Ester King	Samuel Lee Roddam	Lee Laster
Wiley King	George Hammock	Oddis Laster
Effie King	Zera Hammock	Tellie Stephens
Dolphus King	George F. Hammock	Ader Stephens
Pearl King	Bettie Lou Hammock	Ben Sims
Louise King	Easter Melton	Mollie Sims
Clayton King	Ruby Melton	Ersler Sims
Mary Alice King	Hallman Melton	Paul Sims
Lois M. King	Horace King	Fee Self
Jamie V. King	Alma King	Mamie Self
Leander King	Mattie Stephens	Mr. Jones
Annie King	Ioan Stephens	Mildred Jones
John King	Henry Stephens	Almos Taylor
Price King	Alma Stephens	Daisy Taylor
Hugh King	Horace Stephens	Ed Dyre
Daisy King	Samuel Stephens	Minnie Dyre
Milton Hugh King	John Emery Stephens	Loan Laster
Otis King	Henry Stephens	Mrs. Loan Laster
Roy King	Mrs. Henry Stephens	Pickens Pearson
Elsie King	Charlie Newman	Jim Pearson
Carrie King	Bertie Newman	Virginia Knight
Ida King	Virginia Newman	Dr. B. L. Clayton
Elizabeth King	Ralph Newman	Jim Alice Clayton
Bue King	Robert Newman	B. L. Clayton, Jr.
Tessie King	Walter Weems	Mrs. B. L. Clayton
Billy Jean King	Minnie Weems	Baby
Bettie Leane King	George Weems	John Coker
Teddie Sellers	Martha Weems	Mildred Coker
Carl Powell	Aubrey Weems	Kate Massey
Lurline Powell	Estelle Weems	Frank Massey
King Powell	Babby Weems	W. O. Broyles
Charlie H. Powell	Honor Keith	M. A. Farley
Annie Powell	Will Keith	Roma Ables

## THE 1931 KING REUNION (continued)

Virginia Ables	Era King	Mrs. Louise Pearson
Pauline White	Lillie Mae King	Two Pearson Boys
Hanson Sellers	Henry Pearson	
Billy King	Mrs. Henry Pearson	

## THE 1937 KING REUNION

The following are the names of those who attended the last reunion held near the old Thomas King farm, one mile south of Springville.

George C. King	Charlie Newman	Billy King
Elsie M. King	Virginia Newman	Era King
Lee Ander King	Ralph Newman	Lillie Mae King
Annie King	Robert Newman	Easter Melton
John King	Donald Newman	Alma King
Stella King	Grady Weems	Ruby Jones
Lucille King	Dalton Weems	Frank Jones
Ida King	Joann Weems	Lois Bishop
Elizabeth King	Daisy Taylor	Cecil Bishop
Carrie King	James Taylor	Russell King
Hugh King	Lucille Taylor	Elva King
Daisy King	Kate Massey	Shaffer King
Milton King	Frances Massey	Ray King
Elsie Fay King	Louise Massey	Betty King
James Poe	Dr. J. Manley King	Trixie (Peggy) King
Essie Poe	Betty King	Reuben King
Leon Poe	John M. King	Easter King
Marcella Poe	Mary E. King	James King
Aubry Weems	Wiley King	Artie Brown
Estelle Weems	Effie King	Buster Brown
Marie P. Weems	Barbara King	Frances Brown
Donald Poe	Lila Mae King	Harold Brown
Harrel Poe	George Hammock	Bessie Wright
Tommy Poe	Zera Hammock	Frances Wright
Charlie Poe	George F. Hammock	Maurice Wright
Mark Weems	Betty Lou Hammock	James Wright
Emma Lou Weems	Carl Powell	Bue King
Richard Keith	Lurline Powell	Tessie King
Sam Keith	Annie Powell	Betty King
Reuben Keith	Ernest King	Billy King
Walter Weems	Maggie King	Joe King
Minnie Weems	Jewel King	Minnie Farley
Bertie Newman	Ernestine King	Marcus Farley

## THE 1937 KING REUNION (continued)

Roy King	Janie Day	Mary King
Dora King	Jack Day	Hugh L. King
Hugh Self	Patricia Day	Cuba Keith
Annie Self	Dolphus King	Mattie Stephens
Mamie Self	Pearl King	John M. Stephens
Lois King	Virginia King	Alice Martin
Walter Day	Clayton King	Vinie Martin

The following were visitors at the 1937 reunion.

Mrs. Charles Gill	Mrs. Mary Wear	Rayford Hathcock
Ewell Gill	Mr. & Mrs. G. W. Wade	Sibbie Hathcock
Lula Bradford	Gerald Wade	Minnie McClendon
Wade Bradford	James McClendon	Joe McClendon

120 relatives and 25 visitors attended this reunion.

## THE 1938 KING REUNION

In 1938 the reunion was held at East Lake Park in Birmingham, Alabama for the first time since the reunions were started. The following are the names of those who attended this reunion.

George C. King	Herbert Chandler	Patsy Weems
J. Manley King	Bertie Newman	Emma Lou Weems
Betty King	Robert Newman	Easter Melton
John M. King	Donald Newman	Emmit Melton
Mary E. King	Otis King	Susie Melton
Bue King	Wilma King	Robert Melton
Tessie King	Price Sellers	Carlton Melton
Billy King	Lela Sellers	Jim Alice Clayton
Betty King	Carolyn Sellers	James Poe
Joe Earl King	Jack Sellers	Essie Poe
Ida King	Teddy Sellers	Marcella Poe
Stella King	Daisy Sellers	Maudine Poe
Carrie King	Mary Sellers	Donald Poe
Ewell Gill	Margaret Keith	Harold Poe
Elizabeth Gill	Grady Weems	Thomas Poe
Carl Powell	Martha Weems	Charles Poe
Lurline Powell	Dalton Weems	George Hammock
Annie Powell	Joann Weems	Zera Hammock
Charles Powell	Sue Weems	George F. Hammock
Wesley Dunahoo	Aubry Weems	Betty Lou Hammock
Myrtle Dunahoo	Estelle Weems	Eugene Roddam
Wade Dunahoo	Marie P. Weems	Della Roddam
Lourine Chandler	Marcus Weems	Dorothy Roddam



## THE 1938 KING REUNION (continued)

Sam. Roddam	Ercelle Sims	Ruby Jones
Billy King	Ben Sims	Reuben King
Era King	Molly Sims	Ester King
Lillie Mae King	James W. Light	James King
Minnie Farley	Virginia Light	Alma King
Martha Sellers	James Light, Jr.	Alice Martin
Lois King	Mary Light	Vinie L. Martin
Walter Weems	Charles P. Light	Tellie Stephens
Minnie Weems	Mamie McClendon	A. R. Myers
Henry G. Stephens	Bessie Wright	Mary Myers
Christine Stephens	Frances Wright	Tom King
Lamar Stephens	Maurice Wright	Gladys King
Betty Faye Stephens	James Wright	Kate Massey
John M. Stephens	B. L. Clayton	Ella Joe Massey
Mattie Stephens	Bennie Clayton	Dolphus King
Chester McClendon	Betty Clayton	Virginia King
James H. Laster	Reuben Keith	Clayton King
Flora Brooks	Richard Keith	Mary King
James Brooks	Sam Keith	Hugh L. King
Frank Brooks	John King	Ada Epps

In checking on the living relatives under William King, history shows there are about 400, and under Betty King Laster, approximately 135 living relatives. Altogether there were about 535 in 1938.

## THE 1955 KING REUNION

The following are the names of those who attended the King reunion in August, 1955, which was held at Camp Cosby (Clay, Alabama) for the first time.

James A. Poe	Billy King	Lloyd Littlejohn
Essie M. Poe	Era King	Nettie Littlejohn
Woodie Reeves	Lurline Powell	Daisy Taylor
Marcella Reeves	Barbara Gatlin	Vestal Spencer
Judy Reeves	John Gatlin	Charles E. Spencer
Donald Poe	Elsie Fay King	Bonnie Taylor
Agnes Poe	Zannah Walker	Ida K. Walker
Peggy Poe	W. C. Walker	Joe Walker
Dana Lou Poe	Jo Ann Walker	Myrtle K. Dunahoo
Russell King	John S. King	Martha Weems
Elva King	Sara King	Jo Ann Key
Lillie M. Rogers	Steve King	Sue Chandler
Virginia Rogers	Beverly King	Dalton Weems

## THE 1955 KING REUNION (continued)

Bobbie Weems	Lois VanDyke	Betty King
Michael Weems	Erskin VanDyke	Minnie L. Farley
Robbin Crandal	John VanDyke	Dolphus King
S. G. Lovejoy	Judy VanDyke	Pearl King
Lucille Lovejoy	Roy King	Will Keith
Lyman Lovejoy	Nova Lee King	VISITORS
David Lovejoy	Roderick King	Dave York
Hugh King	William King	Clyde Franklin and wife
Daisy King	Edna King	
Milton King	Otis King	
Annie King	Trannie King	
Bue W. King	Irene Fortenberry	
Betty King York	Clyde Fortenberry	
Clifton York	Curtis Fortenberry	
Price King	Linda Fortenberry	
Grace King	June Fortenberry Hobbie	
Jean King	John Hobbie	
Bernice King	Carrie Martin	
Jessie Mae King	John C. Martin	
Janie Day	Wade Martin	
Walter Day	Don Martin	
Jack Day	Doris Gill	
Patricia Day Roulain	Gene Gill	
Elizabeth Jo Day	Vinie Martin Payne	
Sue Day	H. B. Payne	
Gary Day	Mary A. Payne	
Sandra Day	Arthur L. Payne	
J. J. Fulgham	Charles A. Payne	
Jewel Fulgham	John Payne	
Franklin Fulgham	Paula Payne	
Fredrick Fulgham	Cuba Keith	
George Hammock	Bessie Wright	
Zera Hammock	E. H. Wright	
Wiley King	T. M. Wright	
Effie King	Billie J. Wright	
Bill Chancellor	James H. Wright	
Lila Chancellor	Larry Wright	
Henry L. Hughes	Garry Wright	
Betty Lou Hughes	Sibbie Hathcock	
Elwin Hughes	Rayford Hathcock	
Stevie Hughes	Elsie M. King	
Reuben King	Alice King Martin	
Ester King	Tellie L. Stephens	
Neil King	Ada Epps	
Jean Keith	Manley King	

**A LIST OF DEATHS FROM  
1861 TO 1956**

NAME	BORN	DIED	NAME	BORN	DIED
Thomas King	1788	1861	Hugh Bradford	1902	1917
Nancy King	1796	1868	Charlie Jolly	1878	1936
Marion King	1827	1858	Fannie Jolly	1883	1918
Tom (son) King	1857	1871	Sam Jolly	1902	1927
M. J. King	1833	1861	Irene King	1890	1910
R. M. King	1830	1861	Nannie (Bud) King	1855	1894
John King	1834	1862	Alice Clayton	1864	1895
Lewis King	1836	1862	Ollie Clayton	1890	1919
William King	1813	1899	Dr. Ben Clayton	1859	1937
Sabret King	1822	1894	Jim Alice Clayton	1872	1945
Ira King	1880	1900	Jim Pearson	1872	1945
W. R. (Bud) King	1858	1903	Leona (Bud) King	1868	1926
Harvey Pearson	1841	1894	Jessie L. King	1897	1917
Katherine Pearson	1839	1917	Lucille King	1901	1918
Tom J. King	1846	1926	Lee Ander King	1868	1950
Molly King	1851	1934	Zana (Anna) King	1872	1909
Fannie King	1870	1925	Ernest J. King	1897	1951
M. Price King	1861	1936	Tom R. King	1905	1938
Hattie King	1862	1925	Gladys King	1907	1947
Wiley King	1859	1889	Pickens Pearson	1873	1938
George C. King	1857	1942	Dr. Clifton Clayton	1885	1952
Henry Pearson	1870	1931	E. Clifton		
Nannie King	1852	1936	Clayton, Jr.	1915	1940
James King	1849	1937	Prince Clayton	1930	1953
Molly Sims	1872	1934	Lee Laster	1885	1940
Ben Sims	1848	1941	Wilma King	1911	1940
Matilda King	1859	1933	Hollin Melton	1912	1941
Frances Keith	1854	1888	Ruth Melton	1914	1941
Rich Keith	1852	1902	Easter Melton	1876	1942
Lonnie King	1885	1926	Warren Melton	1875	1949
Sara Keith	1866	1922	George F. Hammock	1923	1944
Alfred King	1866	1938	Eugene Roddam	1888	1943
Nellie King	1881	1953	Chester McClendon	1885	1943
Mamie Bradford	1880	1910	Evie Chandler	1886	1956
John Bradford	1880	1926	Suzie Melton	1894	1956
Ruth Bradford	1900	1916	Honor Keith	1882	1956

## NEXT WILL BE A NUMBER OF KIN WHO ARE LIVING

NAME	AGE	NAME	AGE
Dr. Manley King	79	Mattie Stephens	81
Dr. Edd King	76	Tellie Stephens	79
Bert King	65	Minnie Weems	82
Joe King	56	Daisy Taylor	72
Dolphus King	63	Mame Self	81
Wiley King	61	Cuba Keith	61
Bue King	59	Essie Poe	58
Russell King	61	Emmit Melton	56
Shaffer King	34	Kate Massey	67
Ray King	30	Myrtle Dunahoo	58
Hugh King	56	Della Roddam	69
Tom King, Jr.	26	Zera Hammock	58
Clayton King	32	Lela Sellers	65
Price King	46	Lois King Martin	40
John S. King	34	Minnie Farley	57
Harold King	24		
Dr. John M. King	42		
Walter Weems	82		
Minett Laster	63		
Will Keith	78		
Wesco Keith	63		
Malone Laster	80		
Reuben King	54		



EDRIS  
KENNEDY  
KING

Photograph  
made about 1950



JOE  
JUDSON  
KING

Photograph  
made in 1955



**ALFRED KING FAMILY**  
 Photograph made about 1902.  
 From left to right: Effie, Al-  
 fred, Irene, Bert, Edna, and  
 Alfred's wife Bessie.



**IRENE KING (Deceased)**  
 Daughter of Alfred F. King  
 Photograph made in 1912.

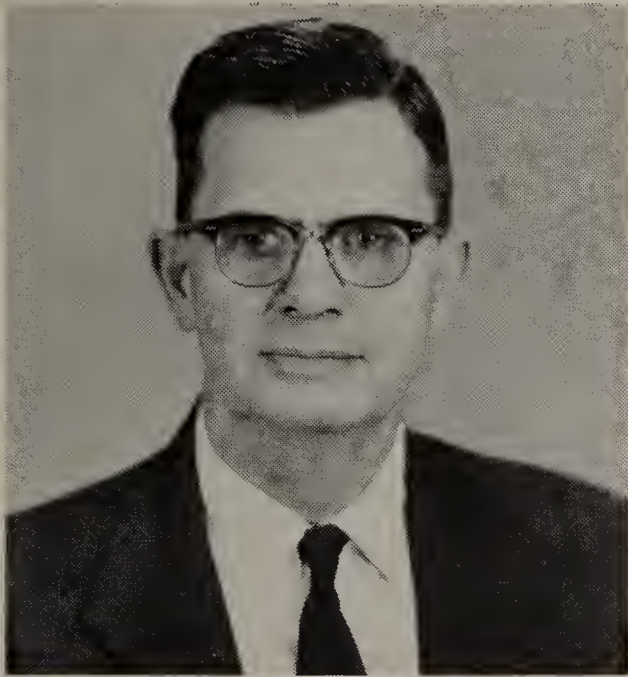


**ALFRED F. KING  
 AND WIFE NELLIE**  
 Photograph made about 1934  
 at Waco, Texas



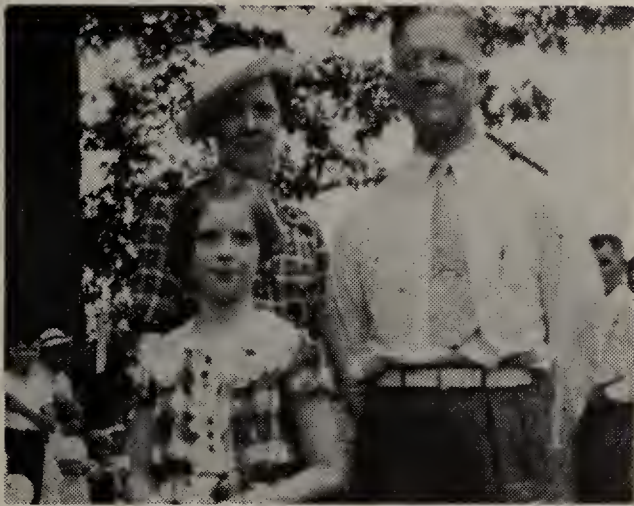
**MARTHA A. MELTON, on right**  
 Others in picture (left to right) Nellie King,  
 Bessie Dean (Money) Ewing and Effie Money,  
 Photograph made about 1923 at Waco, Texas.

**WILEY W. BEAN** – Clarksville, Arkansas. Grandson of Alfred King, who moved from Alabama to Johnson County, Arkansas, about the year 1850. Attorney at Law, State Senator, 3rd District of Arkansas in the 58th and 59th General Assemblies. 1951-1953.



**LUTHER H. KING**

Trustee of the College of the Ozarks and First Presbyterian Church of Clarksville, Arkansas; Peach Grower and Industrialist. Grandson of Alfred King who came from Alabama to Johnson County, Arkansas about the year 1851.



**GUY KING AND FAMILY** of Clarksville, Arkansas, at the King Reunion at Springville, Alabama, in 1936. Guy is a great believer in family tree work.



**ABE KING** – Clarksville, Arkansas Great-Grandson of Reuben King who moved from Alabama to Johnson County, Arkansas about 1850. Abe is a member of the Arkansas Legislature, having served in the House of Representatives in 1957, the 61st General Assembly.



**GERALDINE KING MORGAN**  
Geraldine, daughter of Harris King, of Clarksville, Arkansas was selected Queen Elberta VI, at the Johnson County Peach Festival, August 7, 1947.



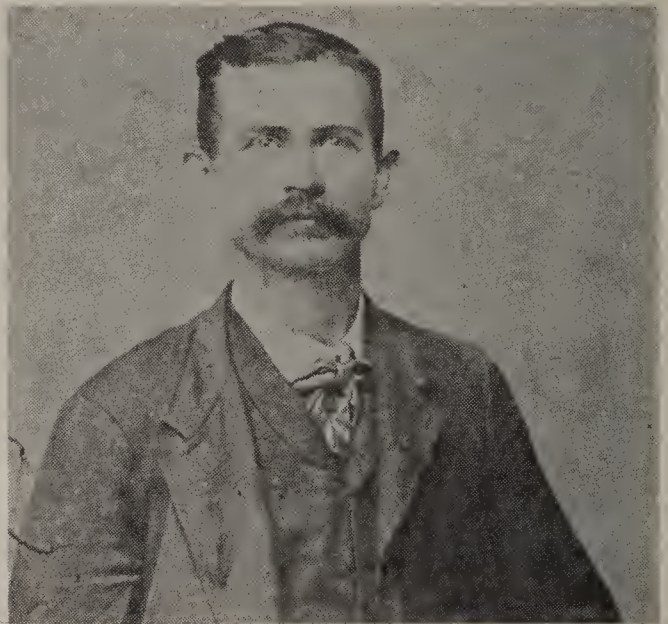
**JOHN JR. LASTER**  
and his son Malone substituting for  
John Laster. Photograph made  
about 1915 at their home.



**Ben Sims; Dr. Ben Clayton; James,  
George, and Price King at the King  
Reunion, August, 1931.**



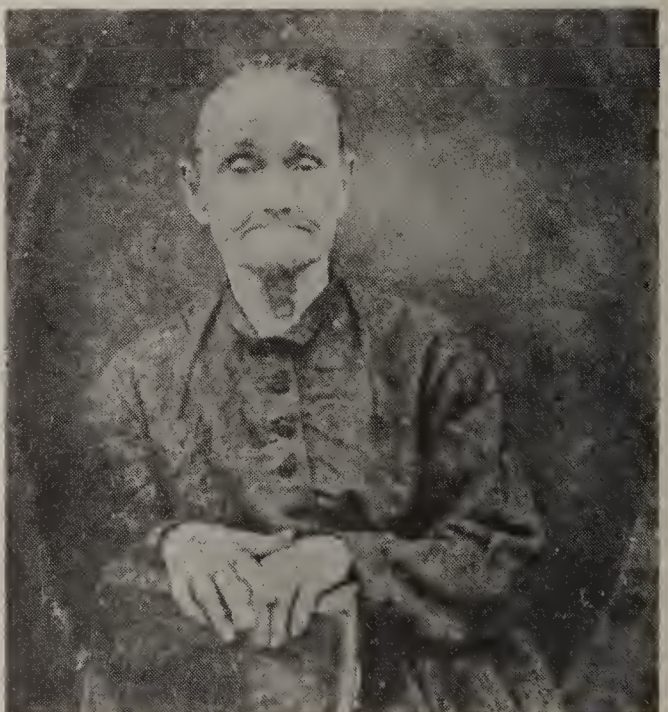
**THOMAS (TOM) AND MOLLY KING**  
Photograph made about 1920.



**RICHARD FRAZER KEITH**  
Photograph made in 1890.



**JAMES (JIM) AND NANNIE KING**  
Photograph made about 1910.



**BETTY (BETSY) KING LASTER**  
Photograph made in 1890.





**BIRTHPLACE OF HATTIE AND NELLIE McCLENDON**

Photograph made in 1915.

Left to right, top row: Zera King, Lila Mae McCrory, Wiley King's wife (Matilda), Minnie and Jim McClendon.

Left to right, bottom row: Icy McClendon, Jennie Lou McCrory and Jo McClendon.



**KATHERINE PEARSON AND  
GRAND-DAUGHTER  
VIRGINIA STEPHENS**  
Photograph made about 1909.



**WILLIAM KING'S WIFE SABRET**  
Photograph made about 1885.



**THOMAS (TOM) KING HOME – 1898**

Left to right: Molley, Tom, Press, Ira, Easter, Jim Alice and Billy.



**WILLIAM KING'S OLD HOME NEAR ARGO, ALABAMA**

Built about 1872.

William, his son Price and his family are in the picture, made in 1898.



### TRUSS GRAVE YARD

Pioneer Thomas and Nancy King are buried here.  
Photographed in 1956. Russell King in photo.



### PIONEER THOMAS KING'S HOME - BUILT IN 1830

Mattie Stephens is in the picture.

Photographed in 1929, the old house was torn down in the next two days.



FRANCES  
KING  
KEITH  
1885



GEORGE KING AND WIFE HATTIE - 1885

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